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FROM GEN. McCLELLAN'S ARMY.

Resumption of Offensive Operations.

Important Reconnoissance to Within Ten Miles of Richmond.

Fighting at Malvern Hill and White-Oak Swamp Bridge.

DEFEAT AND FLIGHT OF THE REBELS.

A Heavy Body of Troops Thrown Across the James River.

Porter's Mortar Fleet Gone Up the River.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The Army of the Potomac has again resumed the offensive.

The reconnoissance made yesterday, under Gen. HOOKER, to Malvern Hill, White Oak Swamp Bridge, and in the direction of New-Market and Richmond, was in every respect a complete success.

The troops left camp about dark, night before last, arriving at Malvern Hill at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, a distance of ten miles. Here they encountered two regiments of infantry and a battery posted behind earthworks. Fire was immediately opened on them by Capt. SMITH'S Battery, and a section of Capt. ROBINSON'S.

The infantry was not engaged. The firing lasted about three hours, when the rebels tailorfully fled by the river road toward Richmond, hotly pursued by our troops, who succeeded in taking 100 of them prisoners.

The loss on our side at this point was three killed and eleven wounded. Capt. BARNES had his thigh broken by a piece of shell. The doctors think the leg can be saved. Lieut.-Col. GAMBLE, of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, was severely wounded in the breast while driving in the enemy's pickets.

Col. AVERELL, with 600 cavalry, took the Quaker road to White Oak Swamp Bridge. There they found the Tenth Virginia Cavalry drawn up to receive them. A charge was immediately ordered, which broke the rebels lines, when they fled. Col. AVERELL followed them three miles, taking twenty-eight prisoners, without losing a man.

Gen. PLEASANTON, with a force of cavalry, took the New-Market Road, on which a portion of the rebels were retreating. He followed them to within a short distance of New-Market, where, meeting two brigades of rebels, he fell back, bringing over thirty prisoners, taken on the way. New-Market is within ten miles of Richmond.

Thus ended the operations for the day, when the troops went into camp on Malvern Hill.

Gen. McCLELLAN, who went to the scene of action early yesterday morning, has not returned.

Three thousand of our prisoners will arrive to-day from Richmond, in exchange for a similar number sent up on Monday.

Everything is quiet on the opposite side of the river.

OUR SPECIAL ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

Operations on the Lower Side of the James—The Late Important Reconnoissance towards Petersburgh—A Heavy Body of Troops Thrown Across the River—Porter's Mortar Fleet on Hand—The Experiences of a Surgeon in Richmond, &c.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Monday, Aug. 4, 1862.

Yesterday about 2,000 infantry, cavalry and artillery crossed James River at Westover Landing. They remained on guard while the engineers and contrabands felled trees, constructed roads, &c.

At 5 o'clock in the evening firing was noticed from the gunboats off City Point. It was thought at first that the *Richmond* was coming down, but it proved to be our gunboats shelling the woods. Firing in the distance was also heard during the night.

Every evening before dark the gunboats move up river below, and take position within easy distance of City Point.

A force of cavalry will soon make a reconnoissance on the south side of the river, for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of the enemy's line, also of discovering his strong and weak points.

Three large transports, flying a flag of truce, and laden with Union soldiers from Richmond, came down from City Point in the afternoon.

Dr. O. HARRISON, Assistant-Surgeon in the Fifth New-York Regiment, arrived here on a flag of truce boat last Monday. He was among the Surgeons who remained at Savage's Station, to attend and administer to our wounded, at the time the army fought its way to James River. He corroborates the statements others have already made, in reference to the brutal treatment our sick and wounded at Savage's received at the hands of the rebels, and adds further that the rapacious Southrons did not hesitate to remove for their own use the few comfortable stores that himself and other surgeons had stolen from the burning pile, in order to keep our helpless soldiers from starving. Aware of the perilous condition to which our suffering men were reduced, and the importance of immediate action in their behalf, Dr. HARRISON, accompanied by two other surgeons, mounted his horse and followed the retreat track into Richmond, with the intention of consulting the Confederate Medical Director, with a view to making some arrangements by which our sick and wounded would at least be recognized as civilized beings, and not as dogs. Arriving at the Richmond Depot, Dr. HARRISON respectfully inquired of a rebel officer the direction he should take to reach the medical headquarters. The officer eyed him for a moment, and replied that he would shortly accompany him and his party thither. The party, not being disposed to await the movements of the officer, and feeling confident that they were entitled to all the immunities usually accorded to the profession, proceeded from the depot, determined to ascertain for themselves the object of their search. They had progressed but a few yards, however, when they were halted by the officer, and ordered to return. In about half an hour, the officer announced his readiness to conduct them into town. By this time, the surgeons had discovered that they were regarded as prisoners, and that no respect was paid to their profession. They did not suppose, however, that they would be taken elsewhere than to the office of the Medical Director, and were greatly surprised, upon reaching the Libby Jail, to find themselves marched within its walls. One thousand Union prisoners were already packed into its narrow limits. The unwholesomeness of the place, the foul atmosphere, the scanty supply of nourishing food—or, for that matter, of any kind of food—the stringent orders and the heartless demeanor of the lean, yellow-skinned, heathenish animals acting as guards, contributed to make the Libby Jail one of the most frightful places this side of Pandemonium. We have heard related the experience of numerous inmates of that and other prisons in Richmond. The statement of Dr. HARRISON is equally revolting. No wonder that men who were there with joy upon being placed on board a Union transport, after having endured weeks, perhaps months, of the most outrageous treatment which known or practiced in modern warfare. The excuse offered by the rebels—that they have not the means of properly caring for prisoners—does not furnish even a pretext for acting like savages, and rebelling, not only the remonstrances of their captives, but the clamors of their instruments and medical stores. One fellow had the impudence to reproach Dr. HARRISON for not giving more attention to his own wounded. The Doctor retaliated by reminding the fellow of the fact that everything he had in the way of instruments and medicine had been suddenly taken from him by the Confederates, and remarked that as one but a fool would suggest his going among the sick and wounded, to fumigate them by informing them that he had not the means of exercising skill. Dr. HARRISON finally succeeded in getting a note to the Medical Director, and after the expiration of two days was allowed to return on board the train for Petersburgh, thence to City Point, where the flag of truce boat was waiting. When in Richmond several more attempts were made to capture his horse. At last he was compelled to apply to Gen. LEE for a document showing that a surgeon could not rightfully be dispossessed of his personal property. But that did not enable him to bring his horse from Richmond, as he was told, at the Petersburgh depot, that transportation was furnished only for men. By this trick the rebels managed to secure a faithful and valuable animal.

In connection with the foregoing account, the conduct of a Union soldier, named LAWSON, well known to the citizens of Albany, and who was acting as Warden at the Savage Station Hospital, should be held up for lasting detestation by all mankind. The hospital was under the charge of Dr. SWINBURNE, of Albany, and under the superintendence of Dr. MUNSON. The rebels having taken away most of the hospital stewards and attendants, left many extra duties to be performed by the surgeons and the few remaining convalescent soldiers—consequently, a few days elapsed before every department could be properly systematized. One of the duties devolved upon LAWSON was to search the pockets of the dead, and deliver the effects to Dr. MUNSON. It appears, that during the press of work, it was the practice of LAWSON to retain a large amount of valuables, and conceal them either in his pockets or his trunk. Suspicion was aroused and his movements were watched, and a favorable opportunity presenting itself, Drs. SWINBURNE and MUNSON called upon him at his quarters, and interrogated him as to his proceedings. LAWSON said he came out with between $60 and $70, and upon being asked to exhibit it, did so, remarking, at the same time, that it was all the money he possessed. Upon being pressed to carefully search his pockets for more, he extracted an additional amount of $10. Dr. SWINBURNE urged another trial, when out came $10 more. In fact, each pocket contained a sum of money, amounting in the aggregate, to over $120. He explained the circumstance of his money exceeding the amount as first stated, by saying that he obtained the surplus by exchanging Confederate for United States Treasury Notes with his own comrades.

LAWSON was also forced to produce a gold watch and silver watch-case, which he had taken from the body of Lieut. FRAZE, formerly Aid to Gen. BURNSIDE. The watch had been hit with a bullet. He also gave up a silver watch and four gold rings. At first he denied having any of these articles in his possession.

Dr. SWINBURNE made him hand over $40 of the money, to be appropriated toward a general hospital fund. Of course he had no authority across the line to institute proceedings against him. LAWSON is now at the North. WHIT.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1862.

At 5 o'clock Sunday morning, one hundred and fifty men of the Fifth United States Cavalry, and one hundred and fifty men of the Third Pennsylvania Cavalry, the entire force under command of Col. AVERELL, left the mail dock landing and crossed to the opposite side of James River, for the purpose of making a reconnoissance of the district beyond. Three regiments of infantry, which had been sent over the day previous, were stationed half a mile from the river, protecting a fatigue party who were at work felling trees. The cavalry started on the reconnoissance at 9 A. M., and had advanced one mile from the river when they discovered the enemy's videttes in their front. The course taken was in the direction Petersburgh. After firing a few shots at the advance company, which was commanded by Lieut. MCINTOSH, of the Fifth United States Cavalry, the enemy retreated precipitately on the road leading to Petersburgh. Our cavalry gave him hot pursuit, firing upon him at intervals, until they came up to his camp, situated near a Methodist church, and seven miles from the James River. Here our force halted, but the rebels continued in their flight, and nothing more was seen of the party. The rebels numbered about seven hundred. We had one man belonging to the Fifth slightly wounded, and had one horse killed.

Several of our shots took effect among the enemy. We captured three of his men and took two horses. One of the prisoners is named HARRISON, and he is a relative of Dr. COX, formerly Medical Purveyor in Baltimore. He was wounded in the neck, and expressed his pleasure at being taken prisoner; and said that he had been forced into the rebel service.

The cavalry burnt the enemy's camp, camp equipage and baggage; also, a large lot of commissary stores, and considerable miscellaneous property. They returned to James River in the afternoon, bringing with them chickens, green corn, new potatoes, and one or two other camp delicacies, which were a short time previous in possession of the enemy. The cavalry also secured some books, documents and letters which had been left in the camp. On their way to the river, sixty rebel cavalry came upon them from the Suffolk road, but they immediately turned tail when they saw themselves outnumbered.

Some of our men went over to Coggin's Point, where the rebels had pieces stationed on the night of the attack upon our river front. They picked up bandages stained with blood, stretchers, and other things which indicated that the gunboats did some execution.

A considerable force, consisting of infantry, cavalry and artillery, crossed over to the south side of the river yesterday and last night.

Porter's mortar fleet came up during the night, and continued its course up the river.

Artillery firing has been heard this morning at a distance, apparently six or eight miles off, in the direction of Malvern Hill. A heavy force was sent out that way last night to reconnoitre.

We may expect lively times soon. WHIT.

THE NIGHT ATTACK ON SHIPBOARD.

ALARM ON THE UNITED STATES STEAMER CINCINNATI—THE MEN AT THEIR GUNS—GOOD PRACTICE—THE ENEMY SILENCED.

Extract of a letter from an officer on board the United States steamer *Cimeronz*, Commander WOODHULL:

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Aug. 2, 1862.

MY DEAR FATHER, I have passed through another severe battle without injury.

Last night, at 8 P. M., we anchored as usual off Westover, opposite the right wing of the army. At 12 o'clock, night, the watch below, and all hands, were aroused by the roar of cannon and the bustle of preparing the ship for action. We first supposed Gen. FRANKLIN was attacked, but no sooner had our signal officer displayed his lights at masthead, than the shells came whizzing over our rigging, showing the position of the enemy to be opposite, on the south bank of the James River. We soon opened on his batteries with all our guns, being in close range. Commander WOODHULL seeing the signal lights were drawing all the enemy's fire directly upon him, ordered them out.

The *Cimeronz* was the only vessel within range of the fire, and so we had the fight all to ourselves. We had twelve plain targets on us, and though they were light, compared to our 164-pounder and 9-inch gun, they could be fired much more rapidly, and the good execution at so short distance. For three hours we fought them steadily, throwing not less than 100 shot, shell and grapeshot. During all this time their shot fell around us like rain. The Captain's gig was smashed, the second cutter disabled, the wheelhouse stove, with sundry minor damages, but not a man was struck—all hands from up a valiant.

Very soon after our men had fairly got warmed to the work, the rebel fire slackened, and in three hours their guns were silenced. The enemy were greatly assisted by the lights shown at our masthead. They must have supposed them on deck—for many of their shot passed over us, falling into the small creek on the edge of the river, where five soldiers were killed, including a man attached to signal service. Quite a number also were wounded, and several transport schooners somewhat injured.

I know not whether I did pass quite as near as, and I will acknowledge that I thought my time had come, but found I did not feel the least excitement or loss of self-control.

Commander WOODHULL thanked his officers cordially, and seemed delighted with the conduct of officers and men. I am greatly mistaken if he is not one of the right men in the right place. He appeared cool and collected; it is in such moments that a man's true metal is shown. Gen. McCLELLAN sent a force over to-day, to guard against a repetition.

This morning we started down river to convoy a mail-boat, and had another little affair at Fort Powhattan.

The rebel fleet were seen again to-day. They evidently mean fight. You must be prepared now to hear of hot work. I know of none who wish it delayed.

THE EXCELSIOR BRIGADE.

HOW THE ARMY FEELS ABOUT A DRAFT—A FLAG TO RID THE NORTH OF THE RECREANT SOLDIERS.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CAMP NEAR HARRISON'S LANDING, VA., Wednesday, July 30, 1862.

The public has already heard so much of the bloody week during which our line of operations were being changed, that there are perhaps few who would care to read the details of the part taken in those bloody battles by the Excelsior Brigade. Suffice it to say that it did its duty and its whole duty, and established its claim to the title of the "Iron Brigade" still more firmly than ever before.

From the time it fired the first gun, on the 25th, until it fired the last shot on the sanguinary field of Malvern, it did its duty nobly and as of yore. It commenced that fearful series of battles. It ended them by pouring in the last volley upon an enraged but baulked and defeated enemy.

And now "they rest from labors"—and it was rest they needed—the almost constant picket duty of the awful month of June, the malaria of the Chickahominy swamps, the noxious exhalations from the half, buried dead upon the field of Fair Oaks, the dig, dig, dig, in the trenches under a burning sun, had left few men in the brigade fit for any duty; but on the salubrious plains along the James, with the improved rations, and in the enjoyment of comparative rest, the brigade has once more assumed something of its former character.

Yet its ranks have been awfully thinned; not so much by disease as by battle and constant picket skirmishing. It needs fresh men to fill up its ranks to the former standard. Any man may well feel proud to enroll his name as a member of a military organization which *knows no superior*.

It is undeniable that the feeling in the army is unanimously in favor of a draft. The men seem indisposed to await the comparatively slow recruiting. They grumble that large bounties should be paid those who hadn't the patriotism to volunteer at first. A vote to-day in the army would almost unanimously indorse an immediate draft and the filling up of the old regiments to the maximum standard, and the promotion to vacant offices of meritorious non-commissioned officers or private soldiers. The latter are decidedly and deservedly popular.

One other thing the army feels bad about. The officers and men who have borne the brunt of the various battles on the Peninsula, who have stood picket at night and dug trenches by day, who have braved death from the enemy's bullets, and the no less dangerous, though more silent, swamp malaria, feel incensed when they see both press and people lavishing honors on those who on one pretence or the other have skulked away, and are now being *feted* as heroes or promoted to high stations. Such instances are more common than are imagined. Many are the men who have shot of their own fingers who are now loudly vaunting their "valorous" deeds. Many the officer who skulked off under pretence of sickness who now claims honors for gallantry in battles he never saw.

There is but one way to stop this crying evil, for as it now stands cowardice is at a premium, and that is a plain, simple and effectual one. Let the Colonel of each regiment publish in the papers, printed in the section where his regiment was raised, the name of each absentee, the ostensible cause for which he went home, and the length of his leave, thus:

John Smith, ten days' leave—sickness.

Thomas Brown, skulked away from his company—shot his finger off and went home without leave.

Capt. Jones, left his company at battle of Fair Oaks—ostensible reason: sunstroke.

The public would soon find out how severe Capt. Jones' sunstroke was, or how sick John Smith was, while Thomas Brown would be hooted at. As it now is, it pays a man to be a coward, and skulk at the North. Drag forth these skulkers to the light—place them in the pillory of public opinion, and there will be fewer marriages of officers on sick furlough—a less number of able-bodied men rehearsing their pretended valor, and less incentive to cowardice. This alone will abate this crying evil. CEDMA.

A Shire in Albany.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The biennial meeting of the Judges of the Supreme Court to revise the rules should have taken place to-day, but no quorum being in attendance those present could not legally act, and therefore adjourned.

The Democratic State Convention Committee met at the Delavan House, Albany, Wednesday, Aug. 13, to fix the time for holding the Democratic State Convention.

Gov. MORGAN is at Washington. He is expected to return to-morrow evening, when orders for a draft will probably be issued.

The Persia and the North American Outward Bound.

BY JONES, N. P., Tuesday, Aug. 5.

The weather was very thick on Saturday, and nothing was seen of the Persia then due at Cape Race, en route to Liverpool.

The *North American*, from Quebec for Liverpool, passed Cape Race this Tuesday evening. Her whistle was heard, but she could not be seen for fog.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

A Great War Meeting Held at the Capitol.

Important Speech of President Lincoln.

His Declarations in Regard to Gen. McClellan and the Secretary of War.

POINTED RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The Government Urged to Prosecute the War with All Possible Vigor.

Traitors in the Departments Should Be Weeded Out.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

An immense meeting was held at the east front of the Capitol this afternoon. It was preceded by the ringing of bells, the firing of cannon, and music from the Marine Band. The portico and platform were occupied by many ladies, military, civil and naval officers of distinction.

The Mayor of Washington presided, with thirty-four Vice-Presidents and twenty-two Secretaries.

After a prayer by Rev. JOHN C. SMITH, the following resolutions were read by EDWARD JORDAN, the Solicitor of the Treasury:

Resolved, That we, residents of the District of Columbia, but having among our number citizens of every portion of the country, regard the dismemberment of the Union as an event not to be contemplated in any contingency whatever, it being forbidden alike by our geographical, commercial, social and political condition—by our domestic and foreign interests—by the shame which the world would attach to us, did we suffer its accomplishment, and the worthlessness of what would remain to us afterward; by the mighty interests involved in the Union, and the vast sacrifices which have been made for its defence; by the hopes of the living and the memories of the dead; and we deliberately and voluntarily declare that, rather than witness its overthrow, we would prosecute the present war until the towns and cities should be reduced to ashes. [Applause.] Our fields should be desolated, and we and all that are dear to us should have perished with our possessions. Let the Union be preserved, or the country made a desert. [Applause.]

Resolved, That we have not a doubt that almost the entire population of the loyal States are animated by the same sentiments which we express, and that if there is at the present time any hesitation manifested by them in devoting themselves or their property to the cause of their country, it is owing solely to their misgivings as to the prosecution of the war.—[Applause, and cries of "Good"]—to an apprehension that there is on the part of those who direct our military operations, whether in the Cabinet or in the field, a want of readiness and determination to employ at once, decisively, crushingly, the full power of the nation, which all feel and know to be overwhelming.

Resolved, That profoundly convinced as we are that such is the true cause of the hesitation, we deem it the duty of the President, and therefore most respectfully but earnestly urge upon him to adopt effectual means of assuring the people that he is resolved to prosecute the war on a scale limited only by the resources of the country; and we hail with joy the recent order directing the immediate draft of a large additional force, as cheering evidence of such a resolve. [Applause.]

Resolved, That while there are among us differences of opinion upon minor questions of policy in the prosecution of the war, we are all agreed that the measures adopted should be those which will bear with the most crushing weight upon those in rebellion, whether in arms or not. [Applause.]

Resolved, That, convinced as we are that the leaders in the rebellion will never sincerely return to their allegiance to the Union, or quietly submit to its laws, we are of opinion that they should be regarded as irreclaimable traitors, who are to be stripped of their possessions of whatever character, and either deprived of life or expelled from the country. [Wild applause, and cries of "Good."]

Resolved, That, in our judgment, whenever our armies go within the rebellious States, means should be taken to test the loyalty of the inhabitants, and those who refuse their unqualified adhesion to the cause of the Union, should either be placed under restraint or compelled to go beyond the lines, while their effects should be taken from them, and, so far as available, be converted to the use of the army. [Applause.]

Resolved. That the National Capital is eminently the place where treason should be instantly denounced and punished.

At this point the applause from thousands of voices was deafening, and again three cheers were enthusiastically given, with exclamations: "Read that again—good, good—read it again."

Mr. JORDAN was about to do so when he was interrupted by the heavy and continuous sound of cannon, mingled with the music from the Marine Band, for the President had now made his appearance, and was proceeding to the front of the platform, where a chair had been provided for him in a conspicuous place. Three cheers were given in his honor, and when this pleasant excitement had somewhat subsided, Mr. JORDAN read the entire resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the National Capital is eminently the place where treason should be instantly denounced and punished, and that the most stringent measures should be adopted by the proper authorities, without delay, to discover and arrest the disloyal men and women who infest the District, and that they should be compelled either to establish, in the most conclusive manner, their fidelity to the Government, or quit the jurisdiction.

[The reading throughout was greeted with applause.]

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the act of Congress passed at its recent session, subjecting to confiscation the property of rebels, and declaring freedom to all those slaves as shall take refuge within the lines of our army; and that we deem it to be the duty of the President, to the utmost of his ability, to give prompt effect to the provisions of that act, and immediately take the most efficient means within his power to cause full notice thereof to be given to all persons who may be affected thereby. [Applause.]

Resolved, That the Federal Government being the only one through which the will of the nation can be made effective, that the Government must be maintained, whenever Administration may, for the time being, be in power, and whatever may be the policy within the limits of the Constitution which it may adopt, those who refuses it his support because of his disapproval of some particular measure of its policy is false to his obligations to the country—[applause]—that his truth has generally been tested by the present time, when the Government is struggling for its very existence; and that for ourselves, confident as we are in the wisdom and patriotism of the President and members of the Cabinet, we pledge our all in an earnest, zealous and determined support to the great work of defending and preserving the Union, in which are centered all our hopes, and the loss of which we sincerely believe would be the greatest calamity that do have and are. [Applause.]

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to make a peculiar provision for the families of all citizens of this District who are now in the military service of the country, and who may hereafter enlist in defence of the Union, and who may hereafter enlist in defence the commencement of the war.

The entire series of resolutions were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

Mr. CARTTENDEN, Register of the Treasury, made a stirring speech, in the course of which he said he was one of the quietest men in the place. He was willing for conservation and organization, delay and limit, economy, etc., words that belong to the past. The time had come to act, and action and support of every traitor in Washington, beginning in that city. ("Good, good.") We have tolerated such traitors long enough—we have tolerated them in every place, and we will do so no longer. We have tolerated them in the Government, and who have availed themselves of the opportunity they enjoy to give information to the enemy. [Cries of "Put them out," "Hang them."] When the war broke out every one of the traitors, who had a speck of honor, removed hence, but those whose natures qualified them for pimps and spies remained. We should expect military Governors in Rebel Districts to look after them. We must do it ourselves. He gave an instance, a man who was turned out of office some time ago, on the suspicion of disloyalty. This man went to Maryland, was there arrested, and confined in a military prison, but by a mistaken policy was released, and is now in a public office here, where he can best know the movements of the army, and their sanitary condition.

VOICE—What's his name?

Mr. CARTTENDEN replied that he could give it here, but preferred to use it in such a way, privately, as to have the man removed. After some encouraging words as to the prospect of crushing the rebellion, he said: that man is a patriot who sustains the Government, and in conclusion, paid a high compliment to the President and the Cabinet.

He was frequently interrupted by applause.

Three cheers were given for the President, and after the band had played "Hail to the Chief," the President, in response to impatient calls, advanced to the front of the platform and spoke as follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: I believe there is no precedent for my appearing before you on this occasion, [applause] but it is also true that there is no precedent for your being here yourselves, (applause and laughter:) and I offer, in justification of myself and of you, that, upon examination, I have found nothing in the Constitution against. [Renewed applause.] I, however, have an impression that there are younger gentlemen who will entertain you better, (voices—"No, no; none can do better than yourself. Go on!") and better address your understanding, than I will or could, and therefore I propose but to detain you a moment longer. [Cries—"Go on! Tar and feather the rebels!"]

I am very little inclined on any occasion to say anything unless I hope to produce some good by it. (A voice—"You do that; go on.) The only thing I think of just now not likely to be better said by some one else, is *a matter in which we have heard most other persons blamed for what I did myself*. [Voices—"What is it?] There has been a very wide-spread attempt to have a quarrel between Gen. McCLELLAN and the Secretary of War. *Now, I occupy a position that enables me to observe, at least, these two gentlemen are not nearly so deep in the quarrel as some pretending to be their friends.* [Cries of "Good."] Gen. McCLELLAN'S attitude is such that, in the very selfishness of his nature, he cannot but wish to be successful, and I hope he will—and the Secretary of War is in precisely the same situation. If the military commanders in the field cannot be successful, not only the Secretary of War, but myself for the time being the master of them both, cannot be but failures. [Laughter and applause.] I know Gen. McCLELLAN wishes to be successful, and I know he does not wish it any more than the Secretary of War for him, and both of them together no more than I wish it. [Applause and cries of "Good."] Sometimes we have a dispute about how many men Gen. McCLELLAN has had, and those who would disparage him say that he has had a very large number, and those who would disparage the Secretary of War insist that Gen. McCLELLAN has had a very small number. The basis for this is, *there is always a large difference, and on this occasion, perhaps, a wider one between the grand total on McClellan's rolls and the men actually fit for duty*; and those who would disparage him talk of the grand total on paper, and those who would disparage the Secretary of War talk of those at present fit for duty. Gen. McCLELLAN *has sometimes asked for things that the Secretary of War did not give him.* Gen. McCLELLAN is not to blame for asking what he wanted and needed, and the Secretary of War *is not to blame for not giving when he had none to give.* [Applause, laughter, and cries of "Good, good."] And I say here, as far as I know, *the Secretary of War has withheld no one thing at any time in my power to give him.* [Wild applause, and a voice—"Give him enough now!"] I have no accusation against him. *I believe he is a brave and able man.* [applause,] and I stand here, as justice requires me to do, *to take upon myself what has been charged on the Secretary of War, as withholding from him.*

I have talked longer than I expected to do, [cries of "No, no—go on,"] and now I avail myself of my privilege of saying no more.

SPEECH OF EX-GOV. BOUTWELL.

Ex-Gov. BOUTWELL, Commissioner of the Internal Revenue, when he announced he came from Massachusetts, said what they proposed to do in this war was to carry it on in sunshine and storm against all odds on this side of the water or the other. They rallied under this banner not for this generation alone, not for this century, but for all generations and centuries on this side of the Atlantic, until our flag shall wave unpolluted from the great lakes of the North to the Gulf of Mexico; and they meant to take the last man, the last dollar, the last hour's labor of the Old Commonwealth, are these men, with treachery on their lips and treason in their hearts, shall accomplish what they have undertaken. [Applause.] If, to-night, news of disaster should come, every heart, though dismayed for the moment, would be nerved for renewed efforts in the cause of liberty and humanity. The gentleman (CARTTENDEN) who preceded him said he proposed to ferret out the traitors. He would here say, if it had not been for slavery, there would have been no treason, and when slavery shall cease to exist, there will be no traitors. [Applause, and cries of "Good."]

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

THE GREAT WAR MEETING.

The most significant feature of the great War Meeting here to-day, was the demand, embodied in the resolutions, forcibly dwelt on by the first speaker, and urged by every one that followed him, and rapturously applauded by the immense crowd whenever alluded to, that rebels and their sympathizers should be weeded out of the Departments and driven from the District. Mr. CARTTENDEN'S declaration, that he found the other day a clerk in one of the most important positions in the Government's service, whose he had the utmost facilities for learning, at the earliest moment, of the movements of our armies, or orders to Generals, who, a few months ago, had been ignominiously cashiered from a similar position for disloyalty, and had, since, mysteriously been secreted for safety, but now openly been restored to confidence in Maryland, produced intense sensation. The statement was repeatedly made during the meeting that a large number of such persons still retain important positions.

The resolution calling for the expulsion of disloyal persons from the District, had just been read a second time, in response to a demand for its reading, when the President came in. When the applause which greeted him had subsided, Mr. CARTTENDEN, who was the author of the resolution, rose and said that it was read a third time, for the Secretary to read it was read.

Recently there appeared upon the margin of the canvas on the vigorous prosecution of the war, a declaration that the time for hard measures was past; that the property of rebels must be confiscated; that the emancipation of traitors must be forthwith set in abeyance. We understand that the President is anticipating a favorable response to his emancipation proclamation by the rebellious States. The fact that the rebels have been so remarkably quiet of late, and that they have made no movements against McCLELLAN, are considered as indicating a preparation for some sudden attack, the plan for which is yet kept secret. The Government is believed to be apprehensive of something of this sort.

JOHN MITCHEL ON SLAVERY.

A member of the Foreign Legation in Washington, just arrived from Europe, relates of this distinguished rebel a story which is now widely circulated in this city.

One of his cousins, who holds an office in the Department of the Interior, in France, having been invited to one of SLIDELL'S soirées, availed himself of the opportunity—first, to see how a Southern rebel looked; second, to know his opinion about Slavery. As it may well be imagined, the French official was the object of the most delicate attention on the part of Mrs. SLIDELL and her husband, who strove to persuade him of the holiness of the Southern cause, and to make him believe in its ultimate success. After having exhausted all their arguments, the Frenchman, politely addressing Mr. SLIDELL, asked whether he was not of opinion that the moral attitude of the North in this contest was an impediment to the success of the South, and if the maintenance of Slavery did not delay the work of its independence. "You are perfectly right," answered Mr. SLIDELL, "Europe is adverse to our institutions and we know it. But please mark; they have not been inaugurated or created, but inherited by us. However, whenever the day marked for the sacrifice of our social privileges will come, the slave-owners in the South will do, I have no doubt, what your ancestors did, nearly an age ago, in the National Assembly of France. They will sacrifice them as a necessary offering to their country's peace and welfare. But now this sacrifice is impossible. It would look as an act of inefficiency on the part of the South to maintain its integrity, and would weaken rather than strengthen us. Be sure, however, that the time is not distant when the institution of Slavery—cause of our present misery—will be further removed from our statute books. The French Government can greatly assist us in this; for it acts with its proverbial promptness and energy, thus place us in the necessity of shortly declaring general emancipation at home; an act which, would be so satisfactory to many of us as to the spirit of Christianity and civilization abroad."

THE TREATY WITH THE OTTOMAN PORTE.

The treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and the Ottoman Empire is officially proclaimed. It is marked throughout by much liberality. Tobacco and salt, however, are not included among the articles which our citizens are permitted to import into the Ottoman dominions. But as a compensation for their prohibition, no duty whatever shall in future be levied upon them when exported from the Ottoman Empire by citizens of the United States.

ARRESTS ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

Six persons were recently arrested on the Rappahannock, while engaged in shipping salt and other articles in great demand in Richmond down that river for the benefit of our enemies. The prisoners were remanded to the Old Capitol Prison.

Arrest of Editors in Harrisburgh.

HARRISBURGH, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Gen. WADSWORTH, by direction of the War Department, to-day, arrested the editors and publishers of the *Patriot and Union*, charged with issuing treasonable posters, calculated to retard and embarrass recruiting throughout the State. The whole party left for Washington this morning.

Arrests in Canada.

TORONTO, C. W., Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The Captain and crew of the steamer *City of Madison*, an American boat, usually owned by Canadians, were arrested here, to-day, for inducing British soldiers to desert. Several soldiers of the Thirteen Regiment have reached Oswego by this boat during the past four weeks.

The City of Washington Outward Bound.

CAPE RACE, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The steamship *City of Washington*, from New-York on Saturday last, passed this point at 5 o'clock this afternoon, *en route* to Liverpool. She was boarded by the Associated Press news yacht and later news put aboard, as also several messages from the Commercial Agency of GEORGE SHEARS, Esq. The weather to-day has been beautifully clear, with a fair prospect of its continuance.

The Asia Outward Bound.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The steamship *Asia* sailed at 10 o'clock this morning, with 16 passengers for Halifax, and 145 for Liverpool. She takes out $16,000 in specie.

Lemon Juice Versus Water.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The suggestion in yesterday's *Journal of Commerce* relative to the allowing our brave soldiers a few lemons every day, as part rations, merits the attention of those in high places. No one can gainsay but that raw lemon-juice will prove of immensely more benefit to sufferers from that indescribably dreadful thirst than buckets of water, which will cause great distress to the imbibers, without in the least remedying what is sought for, viz., a continued desire to drink. It is a well-known fact that the French applied this remedy with great success during their African campaign, and it was found to be of immense service to the British troops during the Crimean war.

Feeling sure that you will take pleasure in promulgating anything likely to prove beneficial to our brave men, I address the present in the hope that you may find room for same in your valuable journal.

THE SOLDIERS' BENEFACTOR.

Arrivals in the City.

Hon. W. H. Robertson, of Westchester County; E. W. Hinks, of the U. S. Volunteers; J. S. Jones, of Chicopee, Mass.; Dr. R. B. O'Toole, of England; Lieut. R. E. Castle, of the U. S. Signal Corps, from Washington, and Capt. Holm, of the Army, and lady, are at the Astor House.

Maj. L. H. Stone, of the U. S. A.; E. G. Allen, of the U. S. A.; M. M. de Lisle, of Montreal, Canada, and J. G. Sibbald, from New-Orleans, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Pelatia Pratt, from New-Haven; M. de Aytina, of Havana; R. L. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, and Geo. Allen and Dr. Fennile, of Washington; G. G. Scollay, of Charles; A. C. Greene and daughter, of Maryland; H. Hunnell, of Boston, and Jules Morvet, of Philadelphia, are at the Brevoort House.

Capt. Jas. Stewart and Capt. J. Aiken, of the U. S. Army, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

AFFAIRS IN CHICAGO.

Military Affairs—Subscriptions by the Board of Trade—Gov. Yates at Camp Douglas—Secession Sympathizers—Miscellaneous Items.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Monday, Aug. 4, 1862.

The past week has been one of much excitement in "military circles." That portion of our people who wished to obviate the necessity of a resort to drafting, to fill the State's quota under the new call, have been active in endeavoring to create an enthusiasm so as to facilitate volunteering. Gov. YATES has been in the City for several days, and Senator SHERMAN, of Ohio, and Mr. LOVEJOY, of the Third District. On Saturday evening an immense public meeting was held in the Court-house-square, at which they all three spoke. Of course, they made strong speeches all, and patriotic, but they failed of the desired practical effect. Notwithstanding the Governor and the Adjutant-General were sanguine, a week ago, that there would be no necessity of a resort to drafting, orders have been given to the Assessors to have lists prepared, and it is announced, that if the quota is not raised by the 15th, drafting will commence. In fact, drafting appears to be in favor with, I should judge, a majority of our people. It is thought that it acts more impartially upon all classes than volunteering. I should not be surprised, however, that when it is known that the draft is actually resolved upon, that enlistments would increase, for the large bounties and pecuniary inducements now offered by the Government, by counties, towns and individuals are an object with many, and they will accept the alternative rather than run the risk of being drafted.

The subscription of the Board of Trade of this City already amounts to over $50,000, and their regiment is nearly full. Their battery is already in camp, and is understood to be under marching orders.

On Saturday, Gov. YATES and party visited Camp Douglas. He was received by the commandant of the post in military style, and Dr. MCVICKAR made a speech of welcome, to which he responded. While the Governor was speaking, cheers for JEFF. DAVIS and the Southern Confederacy were given from a band of rebels near by. They were immediately arrested, and compelled to deliver up the offenders, who were ironed to await the sentence of the military authorities.

We have still some secession sympathizers here, who are annoying and offensive in their speech. I hear that an Ex-Mayor, formerly from Kentucky, was reported to the Vigilance Commitee, a few days since, who have his case under advisement. The principal harm they can do is to discourage enlistments. One way in which they do this was shown in the question of our washerwoman last week. She asked, "Whether it would be better for the poor folks to have the North or South triumph. They had told them that if the North succeeded the negroes would come up in crowds and drive off all the white laborers." Thus they hope to act upon the ignorance of this class, and prevent the Irish especially from volunteering.

We have, at length, the full official vote upon the new Constitution. It is as follows:

	Constitution.	Banking Clause.	Con. Agg.
For	130,650	125,209	129,638
Against	130,488	134,731	136,138
Majorities against	8,838	9,402	6,650

This is not as large as the unofficial returns made it, but it is sufficient.

A Convention for the First Congressional District, which is composed of Cook County, has been called for the 13th inst. I hear of no special opposition to the renomination of Hon. J. M. ARNOLD, our present Member. He has shown himself safe, efficient and faithful, and there is general satisfaction among his constituents in regard to his course.

The scurvy (*scorbutis*) has made its appearance among the rebel prisoners in Camp Douglas. As they have plenty of fresh provisions, it must grow out of their untidy habits. It is also understood prevailing quite extensively in our Southwestern army. It is to be hoped that the new order of things, allowing them to live off the rebels, will enable them to provide themselves with vegetables of an anti-scorbutic nature. A few days' diet upon onions, raw potatoes and vinegar, with a nitro-muriatic sponge-bath, will, nine cases out of ten, cure the most obstinate attacks.

Arrangements are nearly complete for the grand Horse Show, which is to take place in this city next month. They are on an extensive scale, as are the premiums, which are announced at $20,000.

The quota of Illinois, under the new call, is 20,300. She has already sent 70,000 into the field. Thus, one in four of her voting population is called to arms.

The Democrats of this State have resolved to make a party question of the election this Fall. They have called a State Convention to be held in Springfield on the 10th of September, to nominate a State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and one nineteenth Congressman, who is to be elected "at large." It is probable that a Union Convention will be called in opposition to this partisan movement.

Gen. LANE remained in this city a few days, while passing through last week on his way to Kansas. He goes, he says, to raise a brigade *without regard to color or nationality—having full power from Washington to that effect. It is to* be hoped that his present effort will amount to more than his former one did.

On Saturday afternoon a "distinguished stranger," in the shape of a beautiful brig, the *Sleipner*, all the way from Bergen, Norway, arrived in our harbor. She brought a load of emigrants, with a partial cargo of merchandise, and will take a return load of wheat and corn. Her arrival was announced by the firing of a small cannon on board, and she came into the harbor gaily decked out with the flags of many nations. She was greeted with cheers, and presented with a beautiful flag by the Scandinavian residents of Chicago—Dr. POULSON, the Norwegian Consul, making the presentation speech. The *Sleipner* is of 350 tons burden. She left Bergen on the 23d of May, reaching Quebec on the 8th of July. It is six years since the first vessel—the *Dean Richmond*—cleared from this port direct for Europe, and this is the second arrival.

A melancholy and fatal accident—in which a citizen of New-York was the victim—occurred at Summit, about ten miles from this city, on Saturday. LOUIS GLOVER, Agent of the National Bank Note Company, New-York, while out hunting with a friend, attempted to get into a boat. He placed his gun in first, having hold of the muzzle. The lock caught, discharged the piece, the contents of which pierced his heart, causing instant death.

The further the season advances, the more favorable are the reports in relation to the crops. The receipts of grain, and flour in grain, average from 200,000 to 250,000 bushels daily. The receipts since the 1st of April foot up 2,823,848 bushels, against 2,005,550 bushels in 1861. Prices have an upward tendency—but these you have by telegraph. Financial matters are easy, except on the change question—common postage being about all that is moving now. Samples of new wheat from the southern part of the State are in market, and a better article was never seen on change. You can draw on Illinois for the support of the Union army for the next twelve months.

FROM [illegible]

A Scheme for Paying the National Debt—Artifices of the Speculators—A Harvest—A Daughter of President Lincoln in the Black Forest.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

HANOVER, Saturday, July 5, 1862.

How far, in these stirring times, you may indulge *post prandial* discourse out of a quiet corner of the globe, I cannot say. A transition period, however, in a place like this, denies access to facts and compensates by stimulating fancy; and an absent countryman, so near high festival and the day we celebrate, may surely be excused, if his ardor carries him to thoughts of you and yours. Besides, if there is little of history transpiring here, it is the more reason why this people, as well as all the world, should be absorbed in speculating, as they are, upon affairs across the sea. I have an example of what I mean at hand, and I was forcibly struck by this alluring tendency in more ways than one, but especially by having been recently made acquainted with a scheme, doubtless one of many, which has emanated here for defraying the expenses of war in America, raising a revenue, and paying the national debt. The soothsayers of our bankruptcy are to be put to flight by this plan, discomfited. A leading Jewish banker in Hamburg proposes to lay it formally before the Secretary of the Treasury; and, being invested with its leading features, I am prepared to give you a hint of what it is. Everybody, by-the-bye, who is acquainted with a financial Jew's nature, knows that he confines his romance to business, and is occasionally inclined to disport himself in desirable visions, though these venal pleasures are usually had at the expense of some one else. You are aware that the Austrian and Russian systems of loans and revenue consist in part of lottery drawings. The worthy Israelite proposes a similar method to the Secretary of the Treasury to save the credit of the States. He proposes, on a semi-annual loan of $200,000,000, to issue eighty thousand representative shares at $2,500, which shares are to be subdivided into certificates, twenty-five in number for every share, and bearing the uniform value of $100, to which shall be attached a promissory coupon for two and a half per cent. semi-annual interest. Every certificate, numbered for each share successively from one to twenty-five, is to be made payable semi-annually two months after the interest therefor becomes due, and to be taken up each in its regular order. In addition to this, he proposes the distribution of prizes, to be drawn after the manner of lotteries, and allotted to the holders of the drawn and fortunate shares—every certificate representing a ticket or chance in the semi-annual drawing. These prizes, ranging variously from $200,000 down, are to be one hundred in number, and make a total of $490,000 every half year. The loans, upon this basis, it is calculated, would cost the Government six per cent. He dwells with pleasing minuteness upon the various details of the scheme, argues Austrian credit under a similar system with singular avidity, and predicts a gigantic absorption of shares in Europe. You may add this to the list of *res curiosa*, which the war in America has developed, while it suggests the interesting possibility that many another money-changer's eye on this side is turned to the glistening El Dorado of American expenditure. You may lend it what significance you please, remembering how in these latter days the gold of the MONTEZUMAS has crossed the sea, but spare me, if you will, the suspicion of a parallel.

As the National arms are relieved from a portion of abuse appears in the English journals, and the Legitimist and Ministerial papers here merely say ditto on American affairs by suppressing favorable telegrams, and circulating those which are unfavorable to the Union cause. The latest effort of remarkable character in this line was a Fourth of July oration in the *Times*, which the barbaric taste of my countrymen abroad will find, no doubt, quite as refreshing as that abounding panegyric is usually at home. If there is a spirit, which more than any other, and aside from an earnest devotion to their country, Americans may cultivate to advantage, it is that of sublime indifference to all that is said of the cause and the struggle here. I look upon the achievement of having read the article referred to with perfect composure, with some satisfaction, and that I bore the irritating allusions it contained with patience where, under the guise of candor, lurked so vile a spirit of inuendo, and intended bitterness stopped not short of most unpronitable calumny. The hired "rapine" of German soldiery, the arming of the blacks, to be "let loose," &c., the confinement of virtuous women like wantons, Judge Lynch, and a long parade of horrors and outrages, brought so artfully before the public mind to arrest its attention and enforce their credence, forms a theme for the great Anglo-Saxon oracle in this hemisphere, and fills the burden of its office when the topic is our sufferings and trials. Behind the "Thunderer" comes the pack of popular and cheaper journals howling on its heels. It were charitable to suspect the genuineness of their cant, and to believe the clever writers of the English Press seasoned their *morceaus* to suit the taste of a muttering and despondent public; it is easy to understand—*cacoethes scribendi*—how in sympathy these men must cater to appease the growling Timon in distress; it is, perhaps, natural that, refusing true issues, they should feed upon the husks of falsehood starving operatives, exposed at length to the fate of an overburdened and thickly populated State; but moral humilliation is not less sure, when the alienated sympathies of to-day will be turned like the smitten cheek, and the soft answer of inviting freedom and prosperity across the sea come to the heavy laden.

Not many years ago an English Minister of Foreign Affairs typified America in Parliament in the form of a drunken vagabond, who, being over bold, had gibed the Courtier PEEL, of England, in the Oregon Question, and turned the demand for reparation from the Opposition benches, in the midst of cheers, by the simile. Not many years ago, in the streets of London and New-York, a profligate refugee wandered homeless and friendless; not many years after came the famous *entente cordiale*—Windsor received in State the King of France and the Queen, who had known London, in its seasons, too, before, the pretty daughter of a Spanish Duke. Not many years ago, again, the German Queen of England crossed the Channel, and from the Palace of the Parvenue went down to see the shrine which held remains from St. Helena, and over that slumbering effigy completed the ritual of perfect amity and concord. The master of ceremonies was the white-haired conqueror at Waterloo, and by his counsel all was done. It was a happy simile of the Foreign Secretary; it was a strange event, the *entente cordiale*, almost like romance. It is not well that upon the bare contingent of a doubtful product from a country where peace and security are doubtful, too, and men delight to shed their brother's blood, millions should starve in England; but there is something like necessity in it all, though the principle is denied to us, as are the common attributes of a Christian and enlightened people. While ill-feeling finds such encouragement in the public Press, and our ill-fame becomes the burden of its song, the last advices have unsettled and disquieted the easy confidence of England on the sea, and having set the example of naval warfare, it is [illegible] America will follow it up and take the lead as well. Our London paper, always unusually to the Union cause, is particularly alarmed, and declares that against the thousand pound solids of the six new *Monitors* the sides of the *Warrior* would collapse like a band-box. It is believed Parliament will not long quarrel now over the £12,000,000 appropriation for national defences, when a country so "bankrupt" as our own can do such things as the list of the new iron navy shows. So that it appears in this, as in many other things, America, the scapegoat of English calumny and spleen, and the favorite object of unfavorable prophecy everywhere, justifies her importance to mankind by astonishing and instructing those who find it hard to do without her. A scheme is now on foot in London for building iron ships on a colossal scale, by a stock company with an already subscribed capital of £8,000,000, which, it is proposed to increase to £50,000,000, suggested by events over the water.

You will have heard before this reaches you how the hopes of the Confederate Ambassadors have at last been completely frustrated in France and Spain. The occupation of New-Orleans set back speculation in that quarter about a French and Confederate alliance, and a league in Mexico, beyond the pale of such possibilities as prophetic love to dwell on; while already a proposition has been mooted in Parliament to encourage negro emigration to Jamaica and the Indies! If such a plan help to consummate the purpose of the war—to harmonize the civilization of a common country, I wish it all success.

The Queen and Crown Prince of Hanover have gone to the Hartz to consult a wonder doctor about His Royal Highness' nose, which, being displeasingly pug, is deemed unworthy his royal lineage; and it is hoped its architecture may be altered so as to conform more nearly to that feature in the House of Cumberland. It is reported that a daughter of our good President is also in the Hartz, though having no *Court Guide* to chronicle such movements, I cannot say if it be true or not. P. P.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

The Knights of the Golden Circle Again—The United States Grand Jury of the Indiana District Present the Organization as Treasonable.

The Grand Jury of the Circuit and District Court of the United States for the District of Indiana has just made the following presentment:

In the District Court of the United States, for the District of Indiana, May Term, 1862.

The Grand Jurors of the United States of America, within and for the District of Indiana, impanneled, sworn and charged in said District at said May Term thereof, having about completed their labors, (and being now ready to adjourn,) feel it their imperative duty to announce, in a respectful manner, to this Honorable Court, the general features of some startling developments made during their investigations. These developments, when considered in connection with the disturbed condition of the country, by reason of the causeless and atrocious rebellion against the Constitution and laws of the land, are deemed of the gravest importance, and should be made known, that prompt and efficient measures may be taken by the civil and military authorities to meet and ward off the effect of the wicked and treasonable designs of those connected with such developments.

A recent act of Congress made it the duty of the Grand Jury to inquire into any combinations or conspiracies formed by individuals within the jurisdiction of the Court to prevent the execution of any law of the United States. Having heard that organizations with this object in view existed in certain localities, witnesses were sent for, and brought before the Grand Jury. These witnesses came from many counties, and lived in various parts of the State. After a careful and diligent examination of the testimony from witnesses well acquainted with the facts deposed, and *having a personal knowledge of the matters*, said Grand Jury are constrained to say that a secret and oath-bound organization exists, numbering some *fifteen thousand* in Indiana, as estimated by the members of their Order, commonly known as *Knights of the Golden Circle*, and even in the same localities by different names. Their lodges, or "Castles," as they denominate them, are located in various parts of the State, yet they have common signs, grips, and words whereby the members are able to distinguish each other, and passwords to enable the member to enter the castle in which he was initiated, or any other which such member may choose to visit. They have signals by which they can communicate with each other in the day, or the night time; and, above all, they have a signal or sign which may be recognized at a great distance from the person giving it. This last signal, we regret to say, was invented for the use *of such members as should, by means of the draft or otherwise, be compelled to serve in the ranks of the army.* In such case, members of the Order serving in opposing armies, perceiving the sign are reminded of their obligation *not to injure the member giving it.* This signal is given in every instance upon the initiation of a new member, and its observance is strictly enjoined upon every individual belonging to the Order. By the teachings of the organization, it is the duty of its members engaged in the present war, although arrayed on opposite sides, upon the signal being given, if they shoot at all, "*to shoot over each other.*" Many members of the Order, examined before us, *admit the binding force of the obligation*, and pretend to *justify it as correct in principle.*

Said Grand Jury would respectfully submit that the effect of such obligation is to set aside the oath taken by every soldier when he enters the service of the United States. The obligation imposed by the organization alluded to is incompatible with the duties of a soldier who in battle dare not spare the person of his enemy. We must either disarm or destroy him, and especially so long as the rebel may be seeking to take the life of the loyal soldier. To do otherwise would be grosly treacherous, and justly subject the guilty party to a traitor's doom.

From the evidence introduced before said Grand Jury, it would seem that the Order called the Knights of the Golden Circle had their origin in some of the Southern States, and was introduced into this State from Kentucky. Its primary object, when it originated, was to organize the friends of the institution of African Slavery in the United States, for the purpose of acquiring more territory in Mexico and the Central American States, and also the acquisition of Cuba, thereby to extend and foster a great slave empire, even though it should dye those countries in human blood. Hence the various raids made upon those countries which have called forth from time to time the proclamations of our former Presidents, denouncing such attempts and threatening the exercise of the power of the Government to put them down. Wicked as these hellish schemes were, said Grand Jury would not have troubled this Honorable Court with this presentment had the machinations of the Knights of the Golden Circle been confined solely to their original designs. Finding how easily such an organization was for the purposes originally intended, said Grand Jury believe that it not only extends at present through every part of the South, and every department of the rebel army, but during the last Winter and Spring was introduced into the State of Indiana and other Northern States. Since that time it has made alarming progress in our midst, with entirely new features attached to it in view of the unnatural conflict now desolating our country. Not only are the *loyal soldiers in the army to be treacherously betrayed*, in the bloody hour of battle, by the signals before referred to, but said Grand Jury have abundant evidence of the membership binding themselves to *resist the payment of the Federal tax and prevent enlistments* in the armies of the United States.

It is a fact, worthy of note, and conclusively shown, that in localities where this organization extensively prevails there has been a failure to furnish a fair proportion of volunteers. Said Grand Jury, after a thorough examination on that point, have been unable to find any instance *where a member of said organization had volunteered* to fight for the Union under the late requisition for volunteers. Said Grand Jury were informed that an individual of the Order had proposed to make up a company to be called "Jay Hawkers," composed exclusively of "Knights of the Golden Circle." But said Grand Jury believe that at no time was the proposition seriously entertained, but it was not only intended as a cover to hide their treasonable purposes when they found they were about to be discovered.

The meetings of the Order referred to are holden in by-places, sometimes in the woods, and at other times in deserted houses. Its members frequently attend *with arms in their hands*, and in almost every instance *armed sentinels are posted* to keep off intruders. Youths and more than sixteen years of age are in many cases introduced and initiated into its mysteries. The credulous and unwary are often allured into the fold of the Order, upon the pretext that it was instituted for no other purpose than the better organization of their party. Its real character and teachings are sedulously concealed until the oath of secrecy has been in due form administered. Having taken the first degree, the initiate is familiarized with the obligations and opinions of his associates, and is gradually prepared for the second degree. When he is further taught, and found apt to learn, and ready to adopt its principles and teachings, he is obligated in the highest degree, and is turned out upon the country a thorough traitor, with the wicked purposes already specified. Said Grand Jury are happy to know that in many cases individuals, after their first introduction into the Order, seeing its real character, have abandoned it, although unwilling, on account of their obligations of secrecy, and for fear of [illegible] are reluctant to fully [illegible] principles.

[illegible] Grand Jury began said investigation [illegible] discovered that the Order exists among [illegible] in our new [illegible] the [illegible] of the Southern Confederacy, and thereby [illegible] the cause of the Southern Confederacy.

For the purpose of avoiding any legal liability, in case of judicial investigation, it appears that dark signs are to be used to *enable them to get members of their Order on the jury*, in case of criminal charges being preferred against them, and by changes of venue, and appeals from a Judge who does not belong to the Order, to create judicial delays, until they can find a Judge or juror belonging to this Order, and thus escape all legal liability.

Said Grand Jury have no doubt that the Order of the "Knights of the Golden Circle" exists in many localities in Indiana where their vigilance has not been able to penetrate. They have labored under many difficulties in their investigations, and have *[illegible] means of the cases from omitting* authentic judicial oaths have but little binding force where individuals once consent to abandon the allegiance they owe their country. The general facts, however, so far as they have come to the knowledge of the said Grand Jury, have been submitted to this honorable Court. They feel it their duty to do so. The safety of the country in this hour of peril and civil strife demands it at their hands. The power of such an organization to do harm, acting as one man, with one purpose in view, with their influence, may be appreciated by the honorable Court. It is the place where treason is concocted—the nest where traitors are hatched.

The Grand Jury, therefore, respectfully ask this Court that this their presentment may be spread upon the records.

WILLIAM P. FISHBACK, Foreman; Charles H. Test, George Moon, Wm. A. Montgomery, James Blake, T. B. McCarty, Daniel Sigler, Leonidas Sexton, Sev. G. Scott, James Hill, Daniel Sagre, H. D. Scott, Robt. Parrott, Fred. S. Brown.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AN ARMY.

Interesting Letter from Col. Revere, of New-Jersey.

Under date of Morristown, Aug. 1, Col. REVERE, of the Seventh New-Jersey, has written a second letter to Gov. ODDIE giving his views of the proper way to organize an army and to prosecute the war. He makes these interesting suggestions:

"Our reforms in the new system of recruiting should embrace the following points:

1. To fill up the old regiments, not only to their maximum, but to increase them to three battalions of not less than 800 men each, or even make them like the new regular regiments of the line, to consist of 2,500 men, after the French system. This will necessitate the addition of two additional Majors, for the duties of "chef de bataillon" to each regiment.

2. To require no recruits for a less period than three years.

3. The adoption of a system of furloughs, by which the men can return to their homes to see their families at stated intervals, a limited number at a time, which is most necessary for volunteers, who constitute the bulk of our armies, and the deprivation of which privilege at this time causes dissatisfaction and much inconvenience to the soldiers, as well as serious pecuniary losses. Even in war time four soldiers from each company might be spared to visit their homes constantly, if the regiments were kept filled up.

4. Recruiting should be for the general service, and not for particular regiments or commands, under the control of the Federal Government and not the States, and the recruiting office should be kept open continually in time of war, and only closed in peace, like the temple of Janus, in ancient Rome, and this fourth point should include a well organized system of reserves.

The next thing would be to establish a strong but not humiliating discipline, and a spirit of subordination and punctuality in the performance of military duties, and a system of rewards and emulation in the profession of arms, by establishing promotion from the deserving of whatever grade, and the conferment of medals and decorations for distinguished services in the field.

Let it be remembered that nearly every one of NAPOLEON'S Marshals were originally privates, and most of them never had any but a common school education. Before entering the army, their school was the field, their rank came as the natural guerdon of genius and merit, and many of these illustrious men ascended thrones.

Having provided these, there remains the necessity to provide a system of instruction in tactics for the infantry, and special instruction for the artillery and engineers, and the securing for all the arms of the service a good and superior armament, better than that of the enemy. In this connection, the employment of the blacks would be invaluable in enabling the soldiers to attain great skill in the use of arms, while the former labored at intrenchments and fortifications. All military men know that a working party of soldiers, even if their stacked arms are at hand, will hesitate to use them, if attacked at their work, and in such cases it is always necessary to provide trench guards to protect all fatigue parties while so engaged. An indispensable requisite to the efficiency of an army is an intelligent and active general staff, which can utilize all the elements of its organization, and should be composed of well educated and practical officers. It is the right hand of the General.

Add to all these, sagacious, trained and crafty Generals, selected for their merit and capacity for command, and the high qualities which afford a reasonable probability of success, and we shall have an army which should prove irresistible. The forming a separate wagon train and ambulance corps, and establishment of efficient Commissariat and Hospital Departments, are needs so apparent that it is unnecessary to recommend them here. The leading great principles of military science can no more be neglected than the principles of any other great sciences, without entailing defeat and disaster, and to the neglect of one of these—as efficient means of recruiting—do we owe at present the situation which we hold, which is certainly not a victorious or successful one.

It is now a month since the arrival of the Army of the Potomac at the James River, the decisive point of the campaign, and nothing has been done to re-establish the Federal forces, in order to give them the advantage of taking the offensive, owing to the same cause. While the wily Confederates have adopted a system of conscription, borrowed from the French, by which their leaders await themselves of every man fit to bear arms, now being converted into efficient troops, we have continued to employ the slow and uncertain plan of volunteering, the defects of which are too manifest to be repeated here. By a proper and judicious conscript system, our army will still be eminently a volunteer one, equalizing upon the male population, within the military ages, the service unquestionably due by them to the State, and relieving the brave volunteers, who are now serving, from an undue and unjust detention in the army, while many of their fellow-citizens remain at home in inglorious ease.

I have given as briefly as possible the important requisites most necessary to form a good army, and in order to conquer we must have a military machine of this description superior to the Confederates, who are now engaged in doing precisely what I have endeavored in my humble way to suggest. It must be remembered that we have what is in effect, if not in reality, a foreign country to invade and subjugate; for although we have armies in the South, the people in mass or in great part are in arms, every one of them, and even the non-combatants conspire to destroy us by every means in their power. We hardly occupy the ground on which we are encamped; beyond its limits all are hostile, and all oppose every obstacle to our advance. Added to this state of sentiment it is a very difficult country to operate in, being interspersed *with extensive morasses, thick forests and deep defiles.* The inhabitants are acquainted with all the passes through these formidable obstacles, and give ready information to the chiefs of the enemy of the smallest of our movements, while it is extremely difficult for our chiefs to gain intelligence of theirs. We thus, to a certain extent, must act in the dark, and not being able to risk heavy reconnoissances, having no other support than their bayonets, we must find safety in the compactness of our columns, and each combination of our general becomes a deception. Thus after the best concerted movements and the most fatiguing marches, we arrive where we imagine we are about to deal a crushing blow, and find no trace of the enemy but the smoke of his bivouacs.

To fight such a foe, we must, with the hope of success, we must have a better disciplined and appointed army, of a [illegible] talent to strongly occupy all the essential points of the country, to cover our communications, and be furnished besides mobile corps strong enough to cope with the enemy wherever he appears. When the theatre of war is so vast, and the enemy has numerous regular forces to serve as a nucleus for the people of the country invaded, an immense force is requisite, and to be superior to him at every point, and to secure distant communications with the several corps. The only means of success in a war like this is to be made employ huge masses proportioned to the distance and the obstacles we know we have to encounter, into which order and discipline have been introduced, to endeavor to calm the popular passions which have been so terribly excited, by a mixture of policy, of mildness and of severity, but, above all, by justice; for, as a soldier by profession, I prefer a loyal and generous war to organized assassination and vile insurrection. Happily we have, to [illegible] command of the sea, which, by keeping the enemy in a constant state of alarm, greatly increases the force of the army by its moral effect, and by the [illegible] it creates for the proper provisioning and supplies of the enemy's forces.

I have [illegible] devoted to advocate the early adoption of a fair and equal conscription, in which every [illegible] shall perform his duties towards his country, and [illegible] anything more in its favor can be educed, [illegible] such method of recruiting our armies will [illegible] know who are in favor of supporting the [illegible] and its sacred cause, and who are the [illegible] traitors who would betray it. There can be no [illegible] in a war like the present, and I may be [illegible] for saying that those who hesitate in the [illegible] of their duties should be forced to [illegible] of the bayonet, if necessary, (when it is [illegible] that for almost any whole [illegible] have [illegible] other argument than that of force.) As to the [illegible] ering system in contrast to drafting, I will [illegible] that having had for nearly six months during the [illegible] Winter two commissioned and half a [illegible] commissioned officers and privates on full pay in this State, under orders for recruiting, I reported in that time seven recruits. [illegible] while there is to be depended [illegible] man recruited would come [illegible] without instruction. [illegible] volunteer" is a [illegible] wealth of the [illegible] our cause, when [illegible] bounties, and other inducements, a man where he has joined his regiment comes, as it is most [illegible] equipped, has cost to the country such a [illegible] pecuniary sacrifice.

In a country like ours, the Government would adopt in vain the best regulations for the organization of an army, if it did not apply itself at the same time, to excite the military spirit amongst its citizens, and this depends almost entirely on the citizens themselves. Commercial nations have had their origin in the cultivation of the art of war, and by it have conserved their greatness, but having achieved it, and having allowed the greed of wealth to take the place of that warlike spirit of warlike prowess, their institutions have disappeared, and they have fallen. In order to encourage the military spirit, it will be necessary to elevate the brave who offer life, health or fortune to the defence of their country, to at least social equality with the rich, who, while contributing to the wealth of the nation by their industry, cannot claim precedence over those who consolidate its strength by encouraging manly and heroic virtues. The army, then, should be looked upon as among the first in public and social consideration, and the services of its members acknowledged by giving them the preference in civil employments, as qualification for which should be to have passed a certain time in the military service.

There are, of course, certain civil employments which require special qualifications, but there are also many that being given, in preference, to retired officers and soldiers, would form a powerful stimulant to military ambition, as a reward for good service in the field. The Romans in this way required a service of ten years in a legion, before one could be a candidate for public place; and it appears from what we are told by their historians, that it was the best means of preserving the martial spirit, even when a passion for money-getting and enjoyment ruled in society. It is also in the army itself that the military spirit should be fostered, for it will be nothing, if the military uniform is bartered among civilians and wearers of office. If its bearing under its colors is otherwise ennobled, disciplined, and actuated by its military virtues, Courage should be rewarded and honored. Discipline should be a sentiment as well as a form, and the distinction of grades respected by all.

Armies should not be kept in idleness, but accustomed to hardships and fatigue, and their superiority to their enemies demonstrated on every occasion. Inspire the love of great deeds, reward valor and exalt enthusiasm, punish hesitancy or weakness, and separate the trembling coward in disgrace from all communion with manliness. This is the advice given by those who have written on the art of war in these past, guided by the light of experience and with the disasters before their eyes of cotemporary actors in the great drama of war, and it would be well if we procured to the advantage manifest and escape during the time when we ourselves were engaged in past wars, for to them do we owe our success.

For my own part, I do not believe in the ability of any of the politicians or prominent quack doctors of that ilk to save the Union or restore to us the blessings of peace. It must be done by the triumph in arms of either one or the other of the belligerent parties; and satisfied as I am that a well organized army is the proper tool to employ, do not hesitate to support—in my small way—the wielding of that instrument as sharp and effective as possible.

I fear that by this time your Excellency will think that I had better be with my regiment, instead of writing letters, which I acknowledge is distasteful to me; and I am happy to announce that, having sufficiently recovered my health to do so, I am about to again proceed to the army to resume duties certainly more agreeable to me, and with which I am more familiar.

ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

Orders have been sent from the Navy Department to the Charlestown, Mass., Navy-yard, directing that the sailing-corvette *Macedonian*, 22 guns, be at once put in hand and prepared for a school ship for volunteer officers in the navy of the United States. The *Macedonian* is a first-class sloop-of-war, and cruised on the Mediterranean Squadron with the steam-frigate *Wabash* some time since. She will make our sixth school ship.

Recruiting for the navy has again brightened up. The immense sums of money realized by sailors from the sale of prizes, is awakening the blue-jackets to a sense of their true interests. Over 6,000 men have been added to our navy's *personnel* within a few months. We have at present over 28,000 blue-jackets and landsmen attached to our men-of-war, without counting the crews of hired transports, and will have 30,000 before the expiration of September.

The United States steam transport *Massachusetts* left the Brooklyn Navy-yard yesterday morning, with stores, letters, and parcels, for the Gulf Division of the blockade fleet. The steam gunboat *Vixen* also sailed with sealed orders. She has been in commission for the last few days, and has lately been turned over to the regular navy from the Coast Survey. The schooner *My Rover*, that was chartered and sent to the yard about a week ago, having been filled with stores, left for Port Royal.

The steamer *Ella*, lately purchased, is said to be the next vessel for commission at the yard. She is being rapidly converted into a light transport. The gunboat *Magnolia*, that captured the prize steamer *Memphis*, is receiving some slight repairs, and will soon be ready for sea again.

Our military posts in the vicinity of New-York have recently begun to assume a very warlike aspect. Field drill is daily practiced at them all. There are detachments of the Eighth Infantry, and battalions of the permanent posts, on Governor's Island, and several companies of the Twelfth (new) Regiment at Fort Hamilton. The Texan regulars, who were not to serve longer than 3 months, are now performing more police duty at Fort Columbus. There may be about 1,000 men all told at these posts.

Send Brownlow and His Book to Europe.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

If the Rev. Mr. BROWNLOW was sent to Europe to repeat to the principal cities (with the assistance of Mr. TRAIN,) similar discourses to those he has given in this country, and a large edition of his book were distributed among the booksellers and the newspapers throughout the United Kingdom, it would do much to enlighten the people and thus counteract the London *Times* and all secession efforts; and the British Government would never dare attempt intervention in opposition to the feelings of the nation. It would produce far greater effect than Mrs. STOWE'S *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

The writer will give one hundred dollars toward this object, and will pledge himself to raise five hundred dollars more, provided a Committee of responsible gentlemen is formed to carry out the design.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, July 29, 1862. G. W. S.

The Defence of Washington.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3, 1862.

The military situation has again become a question of absorbing interest. We are undoubtedly once more on the threshold of bloody events. The rebels are still resolved to hold Richmond and to threaten Washington. The question that has occupied all minds, during the last ten days, has been how to invest the rebel capital without weakening and exposing the Federal metropolis. One of the first duties of our military authorities is to see that no harm shall come to the latter; and, in obedience to this duty, the priority of organizing a *local force from the loyal men here, is seriously considered.* More than two full regiments have been sent to the field, composed of natives and residents. They have rendered signal service, and have never been disturbed by the scruples which affect so many who continue to live among us. It is estimated that one full regiment of 2,400 first-class men, could be raised among the clerks in the several departments. I understand that the utmost enthusiasm prevails among these gentlemen, some of whom are accomplished soldiers. They would prove an efficient guard for the Capital if confined to that duty. It is also suggested that an equal number of colored men could be formed into a regiment, and assigned to a different, but not less important duty. A word about the colored citizens of this District. Among the number are persons of high intelligence. The prominent men hold considerable property, and are greatly respected. Their loyalty is natural and steady. They are industrious, active and unpretending, and have for many years enjoyed the confidence of the people. Gen. HALLECK cannot be, and is not, unmindful of their ability to serve the country. And what loyal American would object, if he availed himself of their services?

LARGE PASSENGER TRAVEL TO LONG BRANCH.—On Saturday last, over 2,800 people visited Long Branch. The hotels and boarding-houses are crowded to overflowing, although the proprietors find room for all that arrive. The Railroad Company, in connection with their new steamer, the *Thomas Colyer*, run their daily trains as follows: 8 A. M., 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., and on Saturdays at 2:30 and 5:30 P. M. Passengers taking the 8 A. M. boat from foot of Murray-street arrive at Long Branch at 9 A. M., spend the day on the Branch, and can return by the afternoon train, arriving foot of Murray-street at 7½ P. M. The management of the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad, under its able Superintendent, Mr. W. A. TOSTEE, is daily improving. In a few weeks it will be in good running order, and, in connection with the Camden and Amboy Railroad, will form a direct line to Philadelphia from Long Branch.

IMPORTANT TO MANUFACTURERS.—Hon. W. B. THOMAS, Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, has received the following letter from Washington relative to the duties upon goods manufactured during the month of August:

DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2, 1862.

SIR: Your letter of July 30 to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the operation of the Tax law, has been referred to this office.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the practical operation of the Tax law is postponed until the 1st of September next, and that its provisions will have the same relation to that time that they otherwise would have had to the 1st of August.

(Signed,) G. W. D. BOUTWELL, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE AND THE NEW TARIFF.

Dull Days since July 31—Decrease in the Receipts for Duty—The Business for July—The Difference in the Old and New Rates of Duty—The Rates de Jure of the Original Articles Imported, as Imposed by the acts of 1861 and 1862, Compared—Recent Decisions of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The busy days of July have been succeeded by very dull ones, so far as the Warehouse Department is concerned. The efforts of importers owing lead of goods, thanks to the Collector, were successful, and few of the old entries now remain in store. The difference between the rates levied by the acts of 1857 and 1861 and those imposed by that of July, 1862, was too great to admit of delay, in withdrawing old entries and a consequent risk to importers of being compelled to pay the new rates required by the new act. A few only of the owners of merchandise landed before the act of August, 1857, took office, were unwilling to pay duty, and gain possession thereof, and these few, though duty-paid, had [illegible] the money. The receipts for July were nearly $7,000,000.

Since the beginning of the month but little business has been transacted in the Warehouse Department. The goods withdrawn have been, almost entirely, those entered under the three months warehousing law, which are not subject to the new rates until after the expiration of the bond. Although but few entries have been withdrawn, the receipts have been quite heavy, as considerable quantities of tea have been taken out of warehouse. The duty on this article, though not increased by the law of July, is very high, being equivalent, in many instances, to over 100 per centum ad valorem. Of sugar, from which we derive a large revenue, the rates have been increased, but on molasses, which is a species of sugar, or more correctly, is of a consistency between that of sugar and molasses, the rate has been reduced from 2½ cents to 2 cents per pound. This is the only case where the new rate is inferior to the old. Importers who may have any goods of this description in bond, may withdraw them on payment of the new and lower rate of duty, as it is levied in lieu of the old rate of 2½ cents per pound.

The tariff between Canada and the United States has undergone a change since the alteration of the tariff of the first-named country. Previous to that time, a considerable quantity of sugar, tea, raisins, &c., was imported there into the United States. The revised tariff of Canada levies much higher duties, and in consequence, the entries for the exportation of goods in bond thereto, passed at our Custom-house, have been much smaller in number.

It may be interesting to our readers to notice the changes made in our own Tariff laws during the past year. The increase in rates, by the various acts, has been very great indeed, as will readily be seen from the following table of the rates levied by the various laws on some of the articles extensively imported:

ARTICLE.	Act of March, 1857.	Act of August, 1861.	Act of Dec'r, 1861.	Act of July 14, 1862.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT.

[illegible] Building, May 31 [illegible] Mayor—Recorder—Aldermen—Assistant Aldermen, Comptroller, Council and Police Justices of the City and County of New-York:

GENTLEMEN: In pursuance of the 21st of the Revised Ordinances, I have the honor to submit my semi-annual report, [illegible] I have thought it right to bring under your consideration, it will be found to contain an accurate statement of all the fires which have occurred within the City since the last report.

[illegible] I have given my opinion on the subject, to assume a very strong opinion in their favor. A majority of the Aldermen were opposed to their use, believing honestly, no doubt, that free water would more readily be extinguished [illegible] Experience, however, soon proved to many minds conclusive evidence in the first discovery of a [illegible] Thus was something in the first discovery of a [illegible] Thus was something in this argument, though it is my very affected the question at issue. It was never, at any time, proposed to dispense altogether with the hydrant, but to the latency of a free, when [illegible] Chief Engineer, Jan. 1st.

[illegible] Chief Engineer.

[illegible] Secretary of the Treasury.

[illegible] Comptroller, &c., New-York.

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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1862.

Amusements this Evening.

BUTLER'S GARDEN—Uncle Tom's Cabin—Three Flying Dutchmen—Cinderella's Pumps.

WALLACK'S—Time and Tide and Five Pounds—Black Sheep.

WOOD'S GARDEN—Look Out for the Beaux—The Prodigal's Return.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Aesthetic Hall, Vocalists, and Other Entertainments, Afternoon and Evening—Curiosities at All Hours.

WOOD'S MINSTREL HALL, No. 514 BROADWAY—Negro Minstrelsy and Entertainments.

BOWERY THEATRE—Bowery Gardens—5th-av. and 14th-st.—Dancing, Dancing and Pantomime.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS—Hall of Minstrelsy—No. 585 Broadway.

DÜSSELDORF GALLERY—No. 345 Broadway—Exhibition of Paintings, &c.

THE WONDER OF THE WORLD—No. 539 Broadway.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The Washington war meeting, held at the Cooper Institute yesterday afternoon, was very numerously attended, and very enthusiastic. The sentiment was general that we required, and the greatest demonstrations of favor. Hon. [illegible] made a brief speech, particularly in regard to the relations of the Secretary of War and Gen. McClellan, in which he assumed all responsibility for whatever had gone wrong. The resolutions adopted were of the most pushing forward character, in favor of prosecuting the war with the utmost vigor, and especially urging the Government to weed out the traitors in the Executive Departments.

The intelligence from the Army of the Potomac, this morning, contained in our dispatches and special correspondence, is of extreme importance. Gen. McClellan has once more assumed the offensive, to a sufficient extent, at least, to make the rebels sensible that their capital is still threatened, and to disconcert any plan they may have been making for a movement northward. The reconnoissance to Malvern Hill, spoken of in our dispatches yesterday, was a very successful one. It was made under the direction of Gen. Stoneman, and was extended to the White Oak Swamp Bridge, and in the direction of New-Market and Richmond. Our troops reached Malvern Hill about 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning, and encountered there two regiments of rebel infantry and a battery, posted behind earthworks. Our infantry was not engaged, but in about three hours our artillery compelled the rebels to fly by the other road toward Richmond, pursued by our troops, who succeeded in capturing about a hundred stragglers. Our loss was three killed and eleven wounded. At White Oak Swamp Bridge a detachment of our cavalry met the Tenth Virginia Cavalry, and dispersed them, taking twenty-eight prisoners. Along the New-Market road, which was taken by a portion of the flying rebels about Malvern Hill, our troops pursued to within [illegible] of Richmond, where they met two brigades of rebels, and retired, with over thirty rebel prisoners. Our troops engaged in the reconnoissance subsequently went into camp on Malvern Hill.

We learn from Memphis that a fight took place on Sunday, between a National force numbering [illegible] Gunnison, and the rebel force under Jeff. Thompson, in which the latter were defeated with great loss. No particulars are given.

The Cincinnati Times, of Monday, has this important piece of news: "Intelligence has been received in the city this morning, by the steamer *Evening Star*, that our troops are evacuating Corinth, and all the goods in that vicinity, south of the Tennessee River. All the stores there are being removed as fast as possible. This is consequent, we presume, upon a threatened attack from the forces lately concentrated near Mobile. The position of the camps on the north side of the Tennessee, holding the railroads on the east and west, will be easily tenable until the arrival of the troops of the upper valley."

A gentleman who has just returned to Nashville from Northern Alabama writes to the Nashville *Union*: "Since the departure of Gen. Mitchell, and the arrival of Gen. Buell, the neighborhood of Huntsville is so unsafe that all traveling is stopped entirely from Shelbyville and Fayetteville, Hazelgreen, and Mariellanville. Guerrillas are swarming all over the country, and [illegible] the citizens of Huntsville and neighborhood openly declare that the conciliatory policy of Gen. Buell is nothing but fear, and enjoy the fact that he is guarding rebel property, when at the same time he refuses to protect the property of Union men, who came long distances, risking life and limb, to get the needed staple out to supply the Northern manufactories. Consequently such conduct has effect on the subaltern. I overheard a conversation in Shelbyville, a few days ago, when a Federal officer remarked to a rebel merchant, 'I would not go five paces to save your cotton if I had my whole company here, and a couple of guerrillas intended to burn it.'"

The guerrillas in Missouri are making the most of their time before the enrollment of the State militia is perfected. About a thousand of them succeeded in capturing Newark, in Knox County, on Friday last, after a severe fight with about seventy-five militia. The rebel loss was quite severe. A large body of the same [illegible] were reported in Pike County, in parts of Lincoln, Ralls, and Marion Counties, in parts of Monroe, Shelby, and Macon Counties, and in parts of Chariton County. Altogether, the guerrilla bands have been compelled to leave on account of their Union sentiments. They had been living at Jacksonville, which the rebels took possession of upon its evacuation by the Union forces.

Last week, a man named McCracken, was arrested in Spottsylvania County, Va., brought up to and sent to the old Capitol Prison, Washington. McCracken is an engineer in the rebel army, and it is said, laid out the plan of Fort Darling, on the James River, and superintended its construction. He had obtained a furlough for ten days, and while visiting near Fredericksburgh was captured. He had on his person a number of letters from various prominent rebels, among them a characteristic one from "Extra Billy" Smith.

About one o'clock, on Tuesday morning, the extensive silver-plating establishment of E. Ronson & Son, in Bloomfield, N. J., was entirely destroyed by fire. But a few weeks ago, the Messrs. Ronson had enlarged their establishment, and the loss therefore falls upon them all the more heavily. The value of the property destroyed is estimated at nearly $30,000, on which there was $12,000 insurance. Various circumstances go far to confirm the suspicion that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

In Sessions yesterday, City Judge McCunn decided on the application of a father for the discharge of his infant son, who had enlisted in the Fifty-third Regiment New-York Volunteers, that as the infant had sworn upon his enlistment that he was over 18 years of age, he could not now be discharged. The late act of Congress was decisive.

The Stock Market was again firm and advancing on the Railway Stocks yesterday, and firm on Government securities. Gold steady—114¼@114¾; Exchange, 126 ⅞ cent. on London.

Business at the Produce Exchange was interrupted, by the enthusiastic meeting of merchants, in aid of recruiting for regiments already in the field and reduced in strength by the casualties of war. Moderate sales of Flour were reported at full prices. Wheat and Corn were in good request at uniform rates. A fair inquiry prevailed for Provisions, Whisky, Tallow, Rio Coffee, and Tobacco. Sugars were less active, and prices of New-Orleans lower. Cotton was dull and unsettled. The freight engagements were very moderate.

Intervention.

It is no fault of Lord Palmerston that intervention has not long ago become the policy of the British Government. Some shortsighted persons in Europe, as in this country, may have been induced to believe, from the English Premier's speech on Mr. Lindsay's motion for Southern recognition, that his Lordship's opinions have undergone a change; but it must not be overlooked that in temporarily shelving that motion, Mr. Fourcade's amendment was purposely overslaughed—an amendment, in fact, pledging the Government to an honest and strict neutrality. During the remainder of the Parliamentary session, we may be safe from the assaults of such Southern sympathizers as Lindsay and Gregory, but we are perfectly justified in fearing the worst when the adjournment shall have left the question in the hands of Her Majesty's advisers, uncontroled, as they will then be, by their Parliamentary supporters.

The Cabinet of which Lord Palmerston is the head is simply a coalition, and not likely, therefore, to be unanimous on a question involving so many issues as the American difficulty. Hon. Milner Gibson, representing the party of Messrs. Cobden and Bright, has made no secret of his opinions relative to this contest, and Earl Russell and the Duke of Newcastle are understood to wish success to the United States, from respect to Constitutional Government. Still, Lord Palmerston wields the main power in the Cabinet, and it is not an impossibility that his Lordship, during the recess, shall succeed in finding a pretext for interference, depending upon the majority in the House of Commons to support him, when war has become an actual fact. Palmerston's action, since the outbreak of our troubles, has been an enigma to most men, and yet is of a piece with his entire career. Since his first appearance in public life, he has never allied himself with progress in any form, nor assisted the struggling nationalities of Europe in their aspirations after freedom. His foreign policy has been founded upon the foolish maxim, "*diviser pour regner*," and that policy he has inculcated, in and out of office, during nearly half a century, until he vainly imagines it has become, as it were, part of the fundamental law of his country. We can easily understand what his Lordship's feelings must be as he nears the close of his career. Metternich, dying with Italy wrenched from his grasp, suffered no such colossal disappointment as that now preying on the mind of Palmerston. For fifty long years he has stemmed the current of European diplomacy, balanced the chances of this or that policy, and, in fine, so remodeled the face of European affairs, that a Palmerstonian hue pervades everything. In his age, when nigh fourscore, he sees a young and giant Power stepping into the arena, claiming its position as the first of military nations, and threatening to revolutionize his labors of half a century. No wonder that his Lordship hates a Power which he has so much cause to fear—a Power, too, armed with the most terrible, but at the same time beneficent, of all weapons—the Democratic principle.

But while admitting the hostility of Lord Palmerston and other English statesmen to this country, we need not ignore the various powerful interests in our favor—all the more powerful for their being founded in selfishness. We have, for instance, a strong body of supporters in Great Britain in the persons of the *manufacturers, not merely of textile fabrics*, such as cotton, wool, silk and flax, but of the hardware and other interests. *True is it that the former regret the loss of their cotton* supply, but what value would any quantity of raw material be to them without the market to make it valuable? Their manufacturers say, and with great show of reason, "We pay and we shall obtain cotton from other sources than the Southern States, but we never can obtain such a market as that opening up to us in the North and West." What these men regret is the loss of their market, and they are scarce likely to indorse any policy which will prejudice them with us in the future by closing up the avenues of their trade. There is another, and, perhaps, greater consideration in favor of peace—namely, the question of food. For the past fifteen years, England has been mainly dependent upon foreign nations for her grain supply, and this is particularly the case this year, when the harvests, both in England and France, threaten to fall far below the average. Odessa and the Danubian Principalities no longer compete with this country in grain exportations, and without the teeming riches of our Northern and Western States, Europe would be at a loss to feed her millions. According to Mr. Caird, a high agricultural authority in the House of Commons, all the countries in Europe do not send as much grain to England as the United States; and the same gentleman asserted his hearers that while America, exclusive of Canada, forwarded to Great Britain, in 1861, no less than *3,591,991 quarters, the Russian supply only* amounted to 1,047,743 quarters. It would be difficult to overestimate the power which we *hold in our hands in consequence of the teeming* riches of our soil; and certain is it that, with such a lever, we may move almost any Government in Europe in our favor.

Much has been said of late in regard to the Emperor Napoleon and his intentions relative to this country. It must be borne in mind, however, that no aristocracy exists in France, pledged by its very essence to hatred of the democratic principle; the Emperor himself, the child of revolution, has much in common with ourselves, and the democratic party in France—the genuine, true Republicans—his chief supporters, would not permit any assault whatever upon the democratic principle here or elsewhere. It is the policy of the Napoleonic dynasty to do away with small principalities and to erect great Powers, and France would be false to her entire history were she to attempt aught against the unity of this country, or to seek to break up a nation which has ever been a counterpoise to England.

But our greatest safeguard, after all, is the fear we inspire in the nations of Europe. A people who can put a million of men into the field without hindrance to the ordinary operations of trade and commerce, who can build an iron navy more numerous and powerful than those of the principal Governments of Europe; and who can find the means to carry on a gigantic war without recourse to foreign capitalists, can take care of themselves, spite of all threats of intervention. France would only damage herself in damaging us, and England, as the price of her interference, would not only lose her best market, but add at least a hundred millions sterling to her National debt.

Movements Around Richmond.

The news we have had from Gen. McClellan's army, the last three or four days, shows a more cheering and hopeful condition of affairs than has existed since the battles of June. The vigor which Gen. Halleck has brought to the conduct of the war is beginning to give forth its first fruits. The army is represented as being in as good condition and spirit now as ever it was. The men do not seem to be at all affected by the depression of feeling which has prevailed so extensively in the North; and their devotion to, and faith in their commander is as great as ever it was—if we may credit the all but unanimous testimony of correspondents. The army's confidence and courage has doubtless also by this time been vastly augmented by the news of the prodigious musters of troops called for by the President, and by the way in which these calls are being responded to by the people. Our gallant soldiers will now see that they are not to be left to wage hopeless battles with an enemy whose strength is twice or thrice as great as theirs; but that hundreds of thousands of comrades are hastening forward to stand by them shoulder to shoulder in their future contests. The order of the War Department peremptorily commanding all absentees who are capable of duty to return at once to field service, has already added to their strength hundreds of officers and thousands of men; and has had the best effect upon them. The employment of blacks as laborers has relieved them from a good deal of the excessive fatigue duty to which they have heretofore been subjected; and they see that it is only the beginning of a policy which will relieve them from unendurable labors, and save to thousands of them life and health. Their sanitary condition is greatly improving, owing to their healthier location, the addition of vegetables and fresh meats to their diet, and the general improvement in spirits and prospect of active service. They see also that the large and splendid army of Gen. Pope is, or soon will be, in a position where it can act as a cooperating force; and that his movements forbid that they should be compelled to lie much longer on the sultry banks of the James, watching against the assaults of a desperate and overpowering foe. More than all these is their good effects upon the soldiers, have been the daring and successful reconnoissances made by detachments of the army within the past week. The first expedition toward the rebel lines since Gen. McClellan reached the James, was made a week ago to-day, when a force was sent northward, crossed the Chickahominy, penetrated as far as Gaines' Hill, and found that, in that direction, there was no enemy for a distance of nearly twenty miles. This was followed, on the next day, by the expedition to the south side of the James River, which was altogether successful, and has resulted in the occupation, by Gen. Pope's Division, of the high grounds on the south bank, from which the enemy *menaced our encampment*, and in the discovery, that the rebels are in great force south of the Appomattox. Again, this morning, we learn of a series of reconnoissances, under the immediate direction of Gen. McClellan, made on Monday and Tuesday of this week, in the direction of Richmond, reaching to within ten miles of that city, and, after a series of brisk skirmishes, ending by the decamping of the reconnoitering parties upon Malvern Hill. The telegraph jubilantly announces that "the Army of the Potomac has again assumed the offensive;" and though as yet it necessarily does this on a small scale, it is sufficient to greatly encourage the troops, while the results and the discoveries made are highly gratifying to the country. The army is now all ready, in case the enemy should attempt to make an attack; and is eager for sufficient reinforcements, so as to be at once the attacking party.

The rebel army remains near Richmond in perfect quietude, while the detachments they have sent to the lower part of the Peninsula, and to the region of the York River, are too small to give us any trouble about them. It may seem strange that, after the victory which they claim to have achieved over our troops in the seven days battle, they should have remained for so long a time in inaction, when there has been such a chance of attacking us with overwhelming numbers. But discretion was the better part of valor. Their army was undoubtedly tremendously *damaged in those engagements—so seriously*, probably, that *it has not been able to do anything more than slowly recruit its enfeebled* energies, and prepare for defense in the next *onset. The stories that have come to us of* late about the evacuation of Richmond, are entirely without foundation. But the rebels lack the power to come out from their capital and attack McClellan at Harrison's Point.

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Insufficiency in Recruiting.—We are glad to learn that recruiting for the July call has improved so rapidly in this City, and throughout the State and country within the last few days. This week, in New-York, it has been particularly brisk. If it goes on improving for the next eight days, as it has done for the last eight, we shall have our State quota in the field before the 15th, and drafting for the three years' men will not need to be reported to. We hope this will be the case.

There will doubtless be a rush to volunteering from to-day forward, as the report already arrived in the City yesterday, from Washington, and the men will swarm the first hundred days at cash in hand. The difficulties on this point heretofore, have been very vexatious to recruiting officers, and very discouraging to those who desired to volunteer, but who could not leave their families penniless. They are now relieved. So let those who have been holding back on this ground, step up to the mark and volunteer.

Amusements.

Wallack's Theatre.—A new burlesque by Mr. H. J. Byron, called "Ally O'Connor," has been produced at Wallack's Theatre last evening. Owing to the death of a younger relative of Mr. Treasure, the performance was postponed until the audience was dismissed at the conclusion of the first piece.

Concerts at Saratoga.—This evening Mr. Harry Sanderson, assisted by Mr. Gottschalk, gives a concert at Saratoga. We doubt not it will be attended by a large and fashionable audience. To-morrow evening, Master Master Wood, the celebrated Pianoforte performer, will be the popular attraction at Saratoga. Treasure, Chase and Gottschalk.

Counterfeit Assam.—Ten dollar bills, counterfeits on the Hartford Bank of Connecticut, were extensively circulated last evening.

MORE FIGHTING EXPECTED.

Cairo, Wednesday, July 6.

The Memphis Bulletin, of the 5th, reports that a night scouting party came upon the town on Sunday, [illegible] a force of 1,000 Secessionists and the rebels under Gen. Van Dorn. The latter were driven back [illegible]. The paper gives no further particulars. [illegible] is confirmed.

[illegible] says, that Commodore [illegible] was wounded in the [illegible] the Federal gunboat.

An officer from Tuscumbia says, on Saturday some [illegible] burned the station-house at Leighton. [illegible] down Tuscumbia, and at Jacksonville, 15 miles from the same place, on the Memphis and Charleston road.

EMPLOYMENT OF NEGROES.

[illegible] Tenn., July 21, 1862.

[illegible] No. 6.—In order to maintain [illegible] and people by [illegible] injury to the Station, it will be [illegible] employed in the service of the Quartermaster's Department, [illegible] Quartermaster [illegible] Commanding officers will see that the [illegible] are not from the field, [illegible] and are not employed [illegible] Commanding officers will [illegible] the contraband [illegible] special attention.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT, Major-General.

GEN. BUELL'S DEPARTMENT.

ORDER GOVERNING THE USE OF THE TELEGRAPH.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE OHIO, IN CAMP, HUNTSVILLE, ALA., July 23, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 23.—The following orders in reference to the military telegraph lines and [illegible] in this district will be observed, viz.:

1. Lines and stations will be established only by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, in accordance with [illegible] of the General commanding, and they will be discontinued or changed by the same authority, except when operators are accompanying [illegible] columns.

2. Operators will be assigned to duty, and transferred or removed by the Superintendent alone.

3. The operators of all camps and [illegible] will be put upon the same footing as Clerks in the Quartermaster or Commissary Department, and will be furnished with tents or suitable quarters, and with such office-tables and seats as the Quartermaster may be able to procure or make. Operators are expected to provide their personal camp outfit, mess furniture, bedding, &c. They will be allowed one ration a day, each (in kind), and to the field will be assigned by the commanding officer to some suitable mess, or given such facilities as the case may allow for messing themselves.

4. No one but the regularly detailed orderlies shall enter the telegraph offices without special permit from the commanding officer, nor shall any person loiter or lounge idly about them. Guards will be posted for the execution of this order.

5. The commanding officer shall see that the operators remain habitually at their posts (one being at all times, night and day, with the instrument), and that they are attentive to their duties, and will report any neglect to the superintendent of telegraphs or to the commanding General.

6. Military dispatches shall have precedence over all commercial or private business, and, if necessary, to the entire exclusion of these last. Operators must exercise a sound discretion in relation to forwarding military dispatches, sending first those which are most important.

7. The excessive use of the telegraph for business which is unimportant or which could be transmitted by mail, is interfering materially with the public interests, and must be discontinued. Important dispatches only will be sent by telegraph, and they will be as brief as is consistent with a clear expression of the meaning. Operators shall insist on the attention of the commanding officer of the station to any non-observance of these requirements, and report them, if necessary, to the Superintendent for the action of the Commanding General.

By command of Major-Gen. BUELL:

JAMES B. FRY, Colonel and Chief of Staff.

Official: J. M. Wilson, A. A. G.

THE GUERRILLAS IN MISSOURI.

A Severe Fight at Newark—A Body of Rebels Severely Handled—The Place Captured—Alexandria Plundered, &c.

PALMYRA, Mo., Wednesday, Aug. 6.

A severe fight occurred at Newark, Knox County, Missouri, on Friday evening last.

About a thousand guerrillas, under PORTER, approached the town, an hour before sunset, and were met by parts of two companies of the State Militia, under Capt. LAIR, numbering seventy-five men.

The guerrillas charged on our troops, and were repulsed, when they dismounted and drove Capt. LAIR into the town, where a severe struggle took place, resulting in the capitulation of our forces, who were immediately paroled by the guerrillas.

Our loss was four killed and four wounded. The rebels acknowledge seventy-three killed and a large number wounded.

Porter's gang carried off all the arms and camp equipage of our troops.

On Sunday the State forces of COL. GUITAR, MAJOR CLARKE and CALDWELL passed through Newark in pursuit of PORTER.

On Saturday evening, a band of one hundred guerrillas took possession of Alexandria, Mo. They then seized all the arms and ammunition they could find, and did considerable other plundering, after which they left.

About three hundred men went down on Sunday from Keokuk, and arrested some thirty rebel sympathizers, and took them to Keokuk.

GUERRILLAS ROUTED IN CHARITON COUNTY.

A letter to the same paper, dated Laclede, Linn County, says:

A Lieut.-Col. ABEL M. Woodward, of this post, with two hundred men attached to company of eighty men, [illegible] twelve or fifteen miles northeast of Keytesville, Chariton County, near the head of Chariton River, on the 20th of July, about 3 P. M., and routed them completely—killing eight, and wounding fifteen or twenty, without the loss of a man, killed or wounded on our side.

A large rebel force crossed the Missouri River at Lexington, landing above Brunswick, on the evening of the 21st July, at which place they captured [illegible] This force will cross the railroad east [illegible] The rebel Porter crossed the railroad, going north, on the 21st July, with from 1,200 to 1,500 men. He plundered over 2,000 armed and dismounted men, north of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, and is daily recruiting, which is a new thing with secession to a formidable army, to say nothing of the plunderings and murders to be perpetrated by such an undisciplined and lawless force."

OUTRAGES AT CARROLLTON.

A letter to the St. Louis Democrat, dated Carrollton, July 22, says:

Yesterday a party of rebels, about 60 or 65 strong, commanded by Capt. JOHN MASSON, late of PRICE'S army, entered the town of Carrollton, about 12 o'clock, halted in the street, while MASSON and others dismounted and entered the printing office, (Carrollton Democrat,) taking with them a sledge, and broke the press into pieces, and scattered the type and material in the foot-walk; after which they mounted their horses and went in the direction of the ferry. While Bottom, where there is a force of Independents, from all accounts, several hundred strong, hence of this party, in leaving, stated they were going to Richmond to report. This party has been robbing Union men of their guns and horses, and other things that caught their fancy, though in passing through Lexington they left the property of Capt. Davis, late Colonel of the Confederate Army, in the hands of his friends, who, it is said, are now from the field, [illegible] in the vicinity [illegible] Lexington, and some slightly, with a [illegible] in the fleshy part of the arm. The other two members returned back to Judge Denny, and while they were there a party of six or seven rebels came to Judge Denny and captured the two, since which they have not been heard of. Doubtless they have been murdered. Judge Denny furnished a horse and buggy to bring the wounded soldiers to his house, where he gave them as good treatment as he could. The wounded soldier died at Judge Denny's. This party of rebels is concentrating their forces in that vicinity, which is some eight or ten miles southwest of Carrollton, probably for the purpose of committing other depredations of a more serious character.

FROM PARIS, MONROE COUNTY.

On Wednesday evening, July 30, a band, under the lead of JOE TRAUMEN, (many of whom had taken the oath and given bond,) entered Paris, cut down the flag pole, took the Sheriff and the clerks of the Circuit and County Courts prisoners, forced the keys of the jail from the jailor, set at liberty a man who was indicted for murder in the first degree, demanded of the Sheriff the warrant of commitment and all the money which he had collected for taxes; that having dissuaded of it, they set round. They took the two clerks to the jail, in a room of which was the Clerk's office, and forced the Clerk of the Circuit Court to deliver such indictments as Joe Traumen wanted. They went from some of the stores, [illegible] to suited them, amounting to hundreds of [illegible] pressed a wagon, and then loaded it and [illegible] passed the people to deliver their arms, [illegible] supper, &c. About eight armed men, with several hundred men, entered town about daylight, having marched all night. He had a battery of three pieces, and the men were well equipped. At night, having learned that PORTER, with a large force, was approaching north through the county, Col. MCNEIL left about dark in pursuit. Porter's gang, or any thereof, passed through, took a great many horses, bridles and saddles. Major DRAKE and others, with a heavy force, battery, &c., were in pursuit.

AFFAIRS IN THE REBEL STATES.

FROM VICKSBURGH.

THE REPLY OF THE ARKANSAS.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

VICKSBURGH, July 17.

At 4 o'clock on the 15th inst., while the *Arkansas* was in Old River, into which the Yazoo empties, some one and a half miles from the Mississippi, she came face to face with the gunboats, coming down in a line abreast. In a few minutes they were within range, and commenced the action. The ram was more deliberate and cautious, approaching till within a few hundred yards, when she opened with her bow battery. At this the enemy turned and fled, the *Arkansas* pursuing directly after the gunboat, raking her by frequent discharges from her forward gunn. The port bow gun was disabled. But in twenty minutes from the time the running began, the enemy deserted their guns, having been whipped by the starboard bow gun alone! The fight began at close range, which was gradually decreased to about forty yards and then the latter distance the contest. The ram was again brought into action, and commenced to make fin mate to demolish the Yankees' river pride. The effect of these terrible engines was soon apparent. The crippled duck commenced his favorite dodge of hunting for shallow water, and for this purpose sheered into the left bank of the river, exposing himself to the port broadside of the *Arkansas*, which was poured into him at a depression, and went crashing through his sides and bottom. He did not return the fire. As he fell behind, our steam battery commenced the raking process again, which caused the rascal to haul down his colors, set a white flag, and desert his vessel.

Now, the moral of this is that our batteries and people have been afraid of a set of cowards, who stood less hammering when brought in front of an equal foe than history has heretofore recorded. The fellow ran away without scratching us.

The two "swift and stiff" rams of Commodore ELLET were making splendid time down stream, and we, in the hope of disabling or destroying them with our guns, pushed on after, but they gained steadily and gave us breathing time before the final struggle, which was soon to come. As we rounded a point the immense fleet came in view. The river seemed to be blocked up by armed vessels of all descriptions. There was the ironclad *Hartford* and *Brooklyn* and half-a-dozen other boats, together with the guerrillas and unwieldy bo-river boats, besides rams, mortarboats and transports by the score. All were under way taking position. It seemed to me that their plan was to form a complete line across the river in the shape of the letter V, the point up stream, the *Hartford* occupying the ran and centre, the *Brooklyn* immediately astern, the fight and left wings being composed of rams and gunboats of both classes. We made one dash to break the left wing, near FARRAGUT'S flagship. As we approached the enemy looked on in *utter wonder and astonishment*. Not a gun was fired at long range. All were waiting for the moment when the dreadful missiles would be most effective. The large Dood had her 11-inch guns charged with solid shot and aimed their fire with admirable effect, diverting as much from their position; the little ones, however, edged off to the right and left, down up stream. Gunboat No. 6 fired the first gun, loaded with grape, but with too much depression. It fell short. At the same instant the port bow gun of the *Arkansas* sent a solid shot crashing through one of the iron-clads, which alone sent her to the bank. As we neared the *Hartford*, a ram (the *Lancaster*) took up her position just ahead of us, but the port gun blew her up, and the crew jumped overboard on all sides, the *Arkansas* running through the sinking, drowning people. Now we were in the midst of the *melée*; broadsides came as fast as blows from a blacksmith's hammer; crash came the shot and grape through the ports. *But we turn through.* As soon as we came in front of Vicksburgh the enemy below showed signs of a stampede. They forthwith burned a mortarboat, their transports got up steam, and had not our crew been exhausted we could have destroyed the whole bevy.

But the thing was not over for the day. At sundown FARRAGUT'S fleet commenced passing down, eight going down and exchanging shots with us as they passed. But as we were not at our favorite range, we have no idea what damage we inflicted.

Before closing, I must pay my respects to the "sturdy" rams that were to pounce upon us. The rascals gave us a very wide berth; and I would advise ABRAHAM L. to dispense with Col. ELLET, Medical Cadet EGAN, Lieut. ELLET, etc., etc., (see Phenix's Survey of Mission Dolores Railroad.) No doubt they whizzed away at Mr. MONTGOMERY'S light boats, but when they heard the ring of the true metal from our vessel, they "skedaddled."

AN ADDRESS FROM VAN DORN.

VICKSBURGH, July 15.

To the Troops Defending Vicksburgh:

Your conduct thus far, under the circumstances which surround you, has won the admiration of your countrymen. Cool and self-possessed under the concentrated fire of more than forty vessels of war and mortar boats, you have given assurances that the city entrusted to your care will not be given up to the clustering demands of cannon, nor the noisy threatenings of bomb shells. Such exhibitions of fury seem but to arouse you and to animate the tedium of camp life. You await a more formidable demonstration. Impatient in his rage, the enemy is striving to turn the current of the Mississippi from your batteries. He will fail. When he is master of the great river that flows at your feet, and which has become the eternal custodian of your names and glory, every wave that ripples by its shore will crimson with your blood, and every hill that looks down upon it will be the sepulchre of a thousand freemen.

Soldiers: To have been one among the defenders of Vicksburgh, will be the boast hereafter of those who shall bear your names, and a living joy by your heirlooms forever. Continue, I beseech you, so worthy of your country's praise and the reputation you have achieved.

The Commanding General will take pleasure, and it is his duty, to forwarding the distinguished, among you to the General commanding the department for honorable mention in general orders. It is his pride to be your commander.

The steamer *Arkansas* is immortal, and above his position. She commands the admiration of the world.

By order of Major-Gen. EARL VAN DORN.

M. M. KIMBALL,
Major and A. A. General.

THE NIGHT ATTACK ON GEN. McCLELLAN.

Correspondence of the Richmond Examiner.

PAMUNKEY, Aug. 1, 1862.

A large force of artillery, including many heavy guns, having been placed in position at and below Coggins's Point, yesterday, and sighted, opened on McCLELLAN'S fleet and camp, this morning, at 4 o'clock. The firing continued fiercely for two hours. The enemy's gunboats replied very feebly, doing no damage. At the first sound from our guns, every light in the fleet was extinguished. Heavy damage is supposed to have been inflicted. The enemy was evidently greatly alarmed. A great crashing was heard in the river, whether from our balls or the vessels colliding is unknown. The entire fleet disappeared this morning at daylight, and none of McCLELLAN'S camp is visible excepting in great confusion. One man was killed on our side, and six wounded—two, belonging to the Page Battery, badly—all caused by an accident to our own guns.

PAMUNKEY, Aug. 1—P. M.

The casualties last night were: Wm. F. Dalton, of Louisiana, killed; Thomas Farquhar, of Richmond, severely wounded in the thigh; Patrick Graham, of Richmond, slightly in the left shoulder—all of Dabney's Battery. Also, H. Clankey, of Hanover, both hands mangled and subsequently amputated, and John Brooks, of Hanover, shockingly bursed—both of Page's Battery. Four others were slightly wounded.

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. McCLELLAN.

From the Richmond Examiner, July 29.

On Thursday last, Longstreet transported, loaded [illegible] Aug. 1, 1862.

Gen. Longstreet's division, which for some days past has been encamped on the Williamsburgh road, near the city, left their camps on Friday last, and passed through the city, taking the road to Mechanicsville. Their departure was unknown to the citizens, and their movements were not observed by the enemy. Longstreet's division is composed of all the best troops we have in Virginia, the greater number of them having been engaged in active service on the Peninsula and Rappahannock rivers. From a gentleman who left West Point at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, we have some interesting news from the Peninsula. There is no truth in the report of the appearance of the enemy's troops at West Point on Saturday. At Gloucester Point there is one Yankee gunboat and one transport. There is believed to be a force of the enemy at Yorktown; but this is uncertain. At Williamsburgh there are 500 Yankees, who are said to be so much frightened that they hold themselves in readiness for immediate flight on the first rumor of the approach of the Confederates. They have piled straw and dry wood around the churches and the college, to which they will apply the torch when forced to evacuate.

AN ATTACK UPON SUMMERSVILLE, VA.

Correspondence of the Richmond Examiner.

LEWISBURGH, Wednesday, July 30, 1862.

A special dispatch to the *Republican*, dated Narrows of New River, July 28, and Dublin, July 29, says: "The gallant Maj. BAKER, commanding four companies of cavalry—in all about 150 men, sent to the rear of the enemy by Col. MCCAUSLAND—stormed Summersville, the county seat of Nicholas, Friday morning at daylight, and killed and captured the entire garrison, including the Lieutenant-Colonel commanding, named STARK, three other commissioned officers, and sixty-two non-commissioned and privates—killing a large number. A few prisoners were captured on the way.

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PANIC AT STRASBURG.

From the Richmond Examiner, July 28.

From a gentleman recently from Strasburg, we learn that there occurred a panic among the Yankees at that place on last Wednesday week. A hurricane sweeping from the South raised a great deal of dust in the road leading from Front Royal. The Yankees, on the strength of the approaching "Stonewall" were certain it was the dust of the rebel "army of relief." Immediately upon the dust leading to all their tents and pieces they fled in confusion, the greater number of them not halting till they arrived in Winchester. The amount of property destroyed by them in this panic is estimated at between $50,000 and $60,000.

THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Dispatches to the Richmond Enquirer.

TUPELO, July 28, 1862.

Information received at headquarters states that Gen. ARMSTRONG, with the cavalry of the Army of the West, has taken Courtland, Alabama, capturing one hundred and fifty-nine prisoners and six cars. Our loss was two killed and eight wounded. The citizens of Courtland are frantic with delight at our appearance. Our next destination is Chattanooga.

Three Yankee captains and five lieutenants, captured at Courtland, arrived here to-night. Gen. ARMSTRONG'S official report states that on the 19th he attacked the enemy at Courtland, on the Memphis and Charleston railroad, and took 125 prisoners, including eight commissioned officers, and most were paroled. The enemy's loss was three killed and wounded. Our loss was one. He also captured six wagons, with horses attached, and equipments, a large number of arms, the camp and garrison equipments of four companies, and a quantity of supplies, including 500 bushels of corn, in sacks. The depot, telegraph line, bridge and trestle work were destroyed.

Gen. ARMSTRONG defeated the enemy at Turo Creek, taking fourteen prisoners. ROSSEAUS' division is at Tuscumbia.

TUPELO, July 29, 1862.

The enemy made a demonstration on our front today with a cavalry force. It is supposed that the movement was made with the intention of destroying the railroad track at some point above. If so, the movement has been anticipated, and the designs of the Yankees frustrated. Our forces extend north of Guntown.

CHATTANOOGA, July 29, 1862.

BURIL's forces are marching up the Sequatchie valley towards Pikeville.

GRANADA, July 29, 1862.

Our guerrillas have recaptured Brownsville, Tenn., and burned 3,000 bales of cotton, purchased by Yankees.

Passengers from Memphis report that our guerrillas have burnt several federal transports on the Tennessee River, near Eastport.

JACKSON, July 29, 1862.

Persons from the opposite side of the river report 600 new Yankees. The federals carried off 2,000 slaves. They have occupied Madisonville, La.

DOCTORS SUBJECT TO DRAFT.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
WAR DEPARTMENT, RICHMOND, July 25, 1862.

Col. R. Bassett French, Aid-de-Camp to Governor of Virginia, Executive Department, Richmond:

SIR: In reply to your inquiry of the 22d inst., whether the Virginia Act of Assembly, exempting one physician for every two thousand inhabitants, will be respected by the enrolling officers, I have to inform you that the Act of Exemption of the Confederate States Congress expressly enumerates the classes of persons to be exempted; and leaves the Secretary of War no further discretion in the matter. Physicians are not included therein, and consequently our enrolling officers have no power to exempt them.

Respectfully,
GEO. W. RANDOLPH, Secretary of War.

AN INSIDE VIEW.

PRIVATE LETTER FROM THE WIFE OF JEFF. DAVIS.

The Cincinnati *Times* has a private letter, dated Richmond, May 7, which was written by Mrs. HELEN M. KEARY, a niece of JEFF. DAVIS. The following is the document:

MY DEAR MOTHER AND FANNIE: Dr. GWIN and his son and daughter (Miss LUCY) expect to leave tomorrow or next day, for Mississippi, and Miss LUCY has promised me that if Vicksburgh is not in the hands of the enemy when they reach there, that she will go out to see you, and let you know how I am; but if she cannot get to Vicksburgh, she says she will arrange it so that you can get this letter by private hands. She will spend the Summer with her uncle GWIN, in Marshall County, Miss. Her mother is in Baltimore, and the Yankees will not let her come home.

I heard from Mr. KEARY on Thursday; he is quite well, but has had to bear many hardships. The weather is very cold and rainy, and they have had some awful marches to take. The Louisiana Brigade is now with Gen. JACKSON, in EWELL'S Division, at "Swift Run Gap," in the mountains, between Staunton and Harrisonburgh. You will find it on the map of Virginia. They expect a battle shortly with the Yankees under Gen. BANKS. When I think of his situation, and the dark gloom that now hovers over our country, I sicken with despair, and I would give worlds if I could only be by my dear husband's side, but it is impossible. There is a probability of Gen. JACKSON'S army falling back on Richmond, and, in view of this, no lady is allowed to go up on the railroad to Gordonsville, for fear, if allowed to one, that many others would wish to do it, which would incommode the army. His letter to me was written in a sad tone, which distressed me very much—he said that all his recruits but ten were sick, and had been sent back to the rear, where he was afraid they would suffer for want of attention. They have been obliged (officers and men) to sleep on the ground with very scant covering, and he said that since last February, when the Army retreated from Manassas. Now they have a fly for every eight men, which affords some protection from the rain and snow, but very little from the cold weather. Mr. KEARY could not write to me for ten days after he reached there, because it was raining, and he had no shelter to write under to keep his paper dry. Gen. JACKSON is falling back from the Peninsula or Yorktown, and Uncle JEFF thinks that we had better go to a safer place than Richmond. We have not decided yet where we shall go, but I think to North Carolina, to some far-off country town, or, perhaps, to South Carolina. I will write to you from there the very first opportunity. If JACKSON falls as far back as Richmond, all our troops from Gordonsville and "Swift Run Gap" will also fall back to this place, and make a desperate stand against McCLELLAN. If you will look at the map, you will see that the Yankees are approaching Richmond from three different directions—from Fredericksburgh, Harrisonburgh and Yorktown. Oh! God, defend this people with thy powerful arm, is my constant prayer. Oh, Mother, Uncle JEFF is miserable. He tries to be cheerful and bear up against such a continuation of reverses, but Oh, I fear he cannot live long if he does not get some rest and quiet. Our reverses distress him so much, and he is so weak and feeble it makes my heart ache to look at him. He knows that he ought to send his wife and children away, and yet he cannot bear to part with them, and we all dread to leave him, too. VARINA and I had a hard cry about it to-day. There was Confirmation in the Church, to-day, and we all knelt and asked God that he would go forward for confirmation. But he did not; yet I have hope that he will do so before the Bishop leaves here.

Oh, what a blow the fall of New-Orleans was! It liked to have set us all crazy here. Everybody looks depressed, and the cause of the Confederacy seems drooping and sinking; but if God is with us, who can be against us? Our troops are not doing as well as we expected. At the battle of Shiloh many of our men killed very cowardly indeed, and one Colonel laid down behind a log, and would not get up even when threatened by his commanding officer with a rifle ball. If he did not get up to his duty, (and at Yorktown, in a skirmish, one of Gen. COBB'S Division, our men gave back, and if it had not been for a Georgia regiment, they would have taken some of our best rifle-pits. The regiments that are most apt to run are from North Carolina and Tennessee. I am thankful to say that the Mississippi and Louisiana troops behave gloriously whenever called on to fight.

Uncle JEFF thinks you are safe at home, as there will be no resistance at Vicksburgh, and the Yankees will hardly occupy it; and even if they did, the army would gain nothing by marching into the country, but would lose everything by their rear being cut off at the first opportunity. If JACKSON falls back to Richmond, all our troops from Gordonsville will be taken to Petersburgh and Richmond. Gen. JACKSON is naturally strong position, Richmond is one of all the best fortified places in Virginia. Gen. LEE is now on the Rappahannock River. From a gentleman who left West Point on Sunday morning, we have some interesting news from the Peninsula. There is no truth in the report of the appearance of the enemy's troops at West Point on Saturday. At Gloucester Point there is one Yankee gunboat and one transport. There is believed to be a force of the enemy at Yorktown; but this is uncertain. At Williamsburgh there are 500 Yankees, who are said to be so much frightened that they hold themselves in readiness for immediate flight on the first rumor of the approach of the Confederates. They have piled straw and dry wood around the churches and the college, to which they will apply the torch when forced to evacuate.

Your ever affectionate,
HELEN M. KEARY.

MAY 9.—Since writing the above, Miss LUCY GWIN has decided not to go to Mississippi with her father; as I shall send this by some other opportunity. We all leave here to-morrow morning for Raleigh. Three gunboats are now in the James River, on their way to this city, and may probably reach here in a few hours; so we have no longer any time to delay. I would rather go to-day, but VARINA imagines that she cannot get ready, and I only hope that we have not delayed too long already. I shall then be cut off from all communications with Mr. KEARY, and I expect to have no longer any peace. I am afraid to think how long it may be before I shall see him. If I had known this, I should have remained with you, but I have to dip now as I can; all my trouble alone, without even a letter of sympathy from PERRY or you. I will write again from Raleigh, and you must write me a letter and direct to Raleigh, perhaps I may get it. It would give me so much comfort to hear from my dear [illegible] and FANNIE, and to know that you were all well. I must close my way to Mr. KEARY [illegible] anyway to do it. I am afraid that Richmond will fall into the hands of the enemy, as there is no way to keep back the gunboats. James River [illegible] that all the obstructions that our people have placed in the river have been washed away; so there is no help for the city; she will either submit, or else be shelled, and I think the latter alternative will be resorted to.

Uncle JEFF was confirmed last Tuesday in St. Paul's Church, by Bishop JOHNS. He was baptized at home in the morning, before church.

Do try to get a letter to me in some way. Direct care to Raleigh, and some to Richmond.

May God, in his mercy, protect and deliver us from the misery and affliction which now surround us, is my constant prayer. Your affectionate

HELEN M. KEARY.

The Steamships Anglo-Saxon and Hibernian.

MONTREAL, Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The steamship *Anglo-Saxon*, from Quebec, arrived at Liverpool on the 22d ult.

The steamship *Hibernian*, from Quebec, arrived at Londonderry at 9:40 P. M. of the 27th ult.

THE WEEKLY TIMES.

The NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES, No. 52(?), is published THIS MORNING, and may be had at the counter, in wrappers, ready for mailing. It contains the LATEST INTELLIGENCE up to the moment of going to press.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON—Vigorous War Measures—Good Prospects of Recruiting in all the States—Rebel Raid in Custody.

CONCERNING DRAFTING—Its Process and Prevalence—National and State Laws on the Subject—Who are Exempted and Who are Not—A Complete Survey of the Whole Subject.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC—What has Happened in Gen. McClellan's Command—Full Details of all Events from our Special Correspondents.

FROM THE ARMY OF VIRGINIA—The News from Gen. Pope's Command—His Advance to Culpeper Court-house.

THE AMENDED TARIFF—The New Rates of Customs Duties from August 1, 1862—Alphabetical Catalogue of all Dutiable and Exempted Articles—The Specific and Ad Valorem Duties—Articles removed from the Exempted to the Dutiable List.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY THE ARABIA—The British Press on the Present Situation of Affairs in America—Important Debate in Parliament on Canadian Affairs—Departure of the French Admiral for Mexico.

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DIED.

DOUGHERTY.—In the City of Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Aug. 6, suddenly, NATHANIEL DOUGHERTY, in the 43d year of his age.

Notice of the funeral will be given in the papers on Friday.

JAFFRAY.—At his residence in Orange, N. J., on Tuesday, Aug. 5, RICHMOND WOODRUFF JAFFRAY, in the 69th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, at the Church of the Annunciation, (Rev. Dr. Seabury's,) on 14th-st., this (Thursday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

SUTHER.—At Savage's Station, Va., on Friday, July 25, WILLIAM H. MILNOR, M. D., son of the late Rev. Dr. James Milnor, of this City, while serving as Surgeon with the Twenty-second Massachusetts Volunteers.

PARTRIDGE.—At Sing Sing, Westchester County, N. Y., on Tuesday, Aug. 5, MARIANNA PATTISON, daughter of the late James Pattison.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the house of her grandfather, Robert Pattison, No. 63 Morton-st., on Thursday, 7th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

REDFIELD.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 6, suddenly, LOUIS REDFIELD, Esq., son of Louis Redfield, Esq., of Belfast, Ireland, in the 40th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 19 West 14th-st., on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

☞ Belfast, Philadelphia and Paterson, N. J., papers please copy.

SCHARFF.—In Newark, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, HENRY MEAVILLE, youngest son of Wenzel and Mary C. Scharff, aged 3 months and 23 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his grandfather, A. Scharff, Esq., on Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Carriages will be at the Centre-st. depot on the arrival of the 2 o'clock train from New-York.

STEPHENSON.—In this City, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, MARGARET STEPHENSON, wife of William Stephenson, in the 77th year of her age.

Funeral services this day, (Thursday,) the 7th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., from the residence of her son, No. 122 East 24th-st. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

TWOMBLY.—On Tuesday morning, Aug. 5, of cholera infantum, DAVID MAXWELL TWOMBLY, only child of David J. and the late Mary E. Twombly, aged 10 months and 14 days.

The remains were taken to Fishkill Cemetery.

VAN BUSKIRK.—In this City, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, WILLIAM VAN BUSKIRK, aged 27 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his brother-in-law, Samuel Scott, No. 6 West 43d-st., this (Thursday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

VAN WINKLE.—On Wednesday, Aug. 6, DAVID J. VAN WINKLE, aged 40 years, 10 months and 10 days.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 21 Cottage-place, at 3 o'clock this (Thursday) evening. The remains will be taken to Mount Repose, Haverstraw, N. Y., at 8 o'clock on Friday morning.

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No. 29 Chambers-st., Aug. 4, 1862.

PUBLIC SALE OF PRIZE PROPERTY

By the United States Marshal, under the direction of the United States Prize Commissioners, on THURSDAY next, the 7th inst., at 12 o'clock M., in Room No. 9, third story, in the building of the Harlem Railroad Depôt, corner of Centre and White sts., SIMEON DRAPER, auctioneer, a portion of the cargo of the steamer *Nassau*, consisting of 4,000 long Enfield Rifled Muskets, in perfect order—triangular Bayonets, 16 in., 65-100 in. bore, London make.

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THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION—Aug. 4, 1862—7 P. M.

Present—John T. Mason, Esq., President. Aldermen Smith, Walsh, Reed, Moore, Mitchell, Taylor, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Stimson and Farley.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Boole—

Petition of Henry Hankey and Sprowl and Hickman, for extension of time to build sewer for Home Companies number six and twenty-one.

Which was referred to Committee on Fire Department.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Mitchell—

Resolved, That the Croton Board be and they are hereby directed to discontinue the further advertising for building a sewer in Hedgewood, between Livingston and Washington streets.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Smith—

Resolved, That a gas lamp be placed in Trinity-place, in the front of the buildings opposite Tin Pot Alley.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Smith—

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed in front of the James-street Methodist Episcopal Mission Church in Forty-fourth-street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, next to the public school, immediately, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

By Alderman Reed—

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed in front of the County Jail, Number seventy, Ludlow-street, immediately, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Allen—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on Forty-first-street, (on both sides) between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be placed in order the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Boole—

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-five cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to the assessment claiming to be owing by Thomas Warren, Esq., and the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay the amount upon the completion of the proper vouchers.

Which was laid over.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee on Assessments, in favor of concurring with the Board of Aldermen in adopting a resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Wm. Wardell for the sum of six hundred dollars, being the amount of assessment against the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, for the widening of 9th-street, and charge the same to its appropriate account for donations.

Report of Committee on Sewers, in favor of adopting resolution that a sewer, with the necessary connecting basins and culverts, be built in Forty-fifth-street from a point ninety feet west of the Tenth-avenue, to connect with the sewer now in said street on the Seventh-avenue, the same to be under the direction and supervision of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

MOTIONS.

Alderman Boole moved to suspend the regular order of business, for the purpose of taking up and consider the following preamble and resolution as matters relating that the patriotic feeling and sentiment of the loyal people of this great national Union, demands that efforts even more vigorous and energetic than have heretofore been made, should be put forth to recruit our armies, and that all minor points should be waived, and that the whole public mind, and all labor be devoted to the Government, in full confidence that the wisdom and patriotism of the President will direct him to the best means and ways to recruit the Provisional Army of the Union; with resolutions that the Governor of New-York be, and he is hereby requested to call the Legislature of this State, at the very earliest moment, for the purpose of providing for such men who shall within twenty days after enrollment, be mustered into the service, a bounty of fifty dollars for each man who shall within twenty days after enrollment be mustered into the service, and that to effectually carry this out the Committee on National Affairs have a skeleton or war map made to be the headquarters for recruiting, to be under the direction of the Mayor, and to which each of the city regiments regimental recruiting may be represented; each recruit to choose his own regiment or brigade, or if he do not choose, to be assigned by the officer in charge; that the Common Council take over of the resolutions urging the President to proclaim universal emancipation, which have been published as adopted by a Convention of Committees, in which it has been wrongly stated that the Common Council were represented; and that the Committee on National Affairs request the Tammany, Mozart, Republican, Constitutional Union, and Jeffersonian General Committees, the Union Defence Committee, and the Committees appointed by the Governor for the several Senatorial Districts, each to appoint a Committee of Five to meet with the Joint Committee on National Affairs, and make arrangements to hold a meeting of the loyal people of the City, of all parties and opinions, for the exclusive purpose of urging prompt and vigorous action by all our citizens to procure recruits for regiments in the field, and also to appoint a Committee of twenty-five active and efficient citizens from their own body, to be known as the National Committee of the City of New-York, whose action shall be limited to measures having for their sole object the vigorous and efficient prosecution of the war for the Union.

Which was carried.

Alderman Boole moved to substitute for the last resolution the following, viz.:

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on National Affairs be instructed to request the Tammany General Committee, the Mozart General Committee, the Republican General Committee, the Constitutional Union General Committee, the Jeffersonian General Committee, the Union Defence Committee, the Tammany Society, the Board of Supervisors, the German Republican Central Committee, the German Democratic Central Committee, and the Committees appointed by His Excellency, the Governor, for the several Senatorial Districts, each to appoint a Committee of five to meet with said Joint Committee. Also, that His Honor the Mayor, the Comptroller, Recorder, Chamberlain and Corporation Counsel be invited to cooperate and assist in making arrangements to hold a meeting of the Loyal People of this City, of all parties and opinions, for the exclusive purpose of urging prompt and vigorous action by all our citizens to procure recruits for regiments in the field, and also to appoint a Committee of twenty-five active and efficient citizens from their own body, to be known as the National Committee of the City of New-York, whose action shall be limited to measures having for their sole object the vigorous and efficient prosecution of the war for the Union.

Which was carried.

Alderman Dayton moved that the first resolution be amended by adding thereto the following, viz.:—And that the City of New-York will pay to each of the volunteers from the City of New-York in the National Army, or to his representatives, the sum of fifty dollars as bounty money.

The President raised the point of order that the amendment was not in order, as the appropriation of money was in the ordinance yet to be acted on, and not in the resolution under consideration, and the amendment was only pertinent to the ordinance.

The President decided the point of order to be well taken, and the amendment to be out of order.

Alderman Boole moved the previous question.

The President put the question, "Shall the main question now be put?"

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Boole, Ottiwell, Farley—7.

Negative—Aldermen Walsh, Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Jeremiah, Freer, Allen—7.

Alderman Dayton then appealed from the decision of the Chair that his amendment was not in order.

The President put the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Board?"

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—8.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

The President then stated the question to be on the adoption of the preamble and resolutions as amended on motion of Alderman Boole.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

Alderman Boole then called up for consideration the ordinance to Promote the Speedy Recruitment of the Armies of the United States, engaged in defending the integrity of the National Union, and authorizing the Mayor to issue a proclamation offering a bounty of Fifty Dollars to each recruit who shall enlist within twenty days from the date thereof, in addition to all other bounties, to be paid at the City Comptroller's Office, immediately after being mustered into the service of the United States; authorizing the Comptroller to pay said sum on proper evidence, and on the raising of a special appropriating two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for this purpose, and authorizing the Comptroller to borrow that sum on the faith of the City of New-York, to be known as "The Volunteer Bounty Fund Bonds" of the Corporation of the City of New-York, to be redeemable October twelve, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and to bear interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and to be transferable at pleasure.

Alderman Boole then presented the following as a substitute for the above ordinance, viz.:

AN ORDINANCE,

To Promote the Speedy Recruitment of the Several Regiments of Volunteers from the City of New-York, now in Actual Service of the Government of the Seat of War.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of New-York do ordain as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of expediting the recruiting of regiments of volunteers, the volunteer soldiers from the City of New-York, now engaged in the service of the United States, in defending the integrity of the National Union, His Honor the Mayor of the City of New-York, is hereby authorized and requested forthwith to issue his proclamation, offering, on behalf of the Corporation, to the volunteers, persons of the age prescribed by law, who shall, within twenty days after the date thereof, enlist in any of the said regiments, a bounty of Fifty Dollars each, in addition to all other bounties offered or secured to be paid to volunteer soldiers for the present war by the State of New-York or the United States, the same to be paid to such persons respectively, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New-York, immediately after their compliance with the requirements of the enlistment laws of this State for the payment of the State bounty, in the case of recruits for regiments already in the field, as prescribed by the third subdivision of paragraph Four of General Orders Number Fifty-nine, from the office of the Adjutant-General of the State, and their acceptance and actual muster into the service.

Sec. 2. Upon the appearance of such volunteers personally at the office of the Comptroller, and filing with him satisfactory evidence of their having severally enlisted, and been accepted and mustered into the service of the United States, as provided in the preceding section, and also stating the name of the company and regiment to which they respectively belong, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to execute and deliver to them respectively his warrant upon the Chamberlain in their favor for the said bounty of fifty dollars, and to take their receipts for the same, in such form as he shall deem proper.

Sec. 3. To enable the Comptroller to carry into effect the preceding provisions, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated therefor, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to borrow, upon the credit and security of the Corporation, such amount, not exceeding the said sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as may be necessary, and to issue therefor the bonds of the Corporation, to be known as "The Volunteer Bounty Fund Bonds" of the Corporation of the City of New-York, to be redeemable October twelve, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and to bear interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and to be transferable at pleasure.

Sec. 4. The said bonds shall be deposited in the City Treasury, and the same issued from time to time, upon the warrants of the Comptroller, countersigned by the Mayor, and sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Corporation, attested by the Clerk of the Common Council, and the Mayor shall be responsible for the faithful application of the same to the purposes of the Corporation, which shall be designated and known as "The Volunteer Bounty Fund Bonds" of the Corporation of the City of New-York, to be signed by the Comptroller, countersigned by the Mayor, and sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Corporation, attested by the Clerk of the Common Council, said bonds shall be redeemable on the first day of October in the year 1863, and bear interest at not exceeding seven per cent. per annum. They shall also be transferable at the pleasure of the holders thereof, on the books of the Corporation, to be kept in the Comptroller's office, and all such transfers shall be certified thereon by the Stock Clerk.

Alderman Boole moved the previous question on the substitution of the new ordinance.

The President put the question, "Shall the main question now be put?"

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

The President then stated the main question to be on the substitution of the new ordinance for the one submitted at the last meeting.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

Alderman Boole then moved the adoption of the ordinance as substituted.

Which was carried on a division by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

Alderman Dayton raised the point of order that the ordinance required thirteen votes to adopt it.

The President decided such point of order to be not well taken.

Alderman Dayton appealed from such decision of the Chair.

The President put the question—"Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Board?"

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

Alderman Farley then called up for consideration the Report of the Committee on National Affairs, of the result of their mission to the seat of the General Government, in order to urge personally upon those in authority their views on matters connected with the furnishing of enlistments in this City, and so forth, or a supplement to their report of their conference with the Governor of the State on the same subject, with resolution that the foregoing supplementary report of the Joint Committee on National Affairs be printed in connection with, and as forming a part of the report contained in Document Number Fifteen of the Board of Aldermen, presented July twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and that a sufficient number be placed at the disposal of the military authorities to furnish all who may have volunteered, or may be desirous of volunteering, with a copy thereof.

Alderman Boole moved that the report be received and the resolution adopted, and on sale motion called the previous question.

The President stated the question to be, "Shall the main question now be put?"

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

The President then stated the question to be on the acceptance of the report and the adoption of the resolutions.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Reed, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Dayton, Freer—4.

Alderman Walsh moved that when the Board adjourns it do so to meet on Monday, eleventh instant, at one o'clock P. M.

Which was carried.

Alderman Boole moved that the preamble and resolution offered by him, and adopted this evening, be printed in connection with the report of the Committee on National Affairs.

Which was carried.

Alderman Boole moved that the Clerk be instructed to transmit said resolution, and ordinance accompanying, to the Board of Councilmen forthwith.

Which was carried.

Alderman Walsh moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

Whereupon the President declared the Board adjourned until Monday next, eleventh instant, at one o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

LAW REPORTS.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Justice Ingraham.

Cummings vs. Bloomer et al.—Motion granted on payment of $10 costs.

Cumberland Coal and Iron Company vs. Sherman.—Motion denied, without prejudice to an application by the plaintiffs.

Lynch et al. vs. Laurence et al.—Motion granted.

Smith vs. Baldwin et al.—Motion denied.

Milburn vs. Sears.—Bail reduced to $300.

In matter of Application of Board of Trustees of the German Roman Catholic St. Nicholas Church, and Leave to Sell.—Report confirmed.

To the People of New-York.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1, 1862.

The sick and wounded soldiers in the numerous hospitals in Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria, are generally well-cared for, but their are certain "little nameless comforts," which no Government, however thoughtful, can, or can be expected to provide. To furnish these, so far as possible, and by systematic visitation, to cheer and console the suffering men of New-York in these hospitals, is the object of the "New-York Soldiers' Relief Society," formed in January last of citizens of New-York resident in Washington, it has quietly but steadily prosecuted its humane work. Its Committees have visited all the hospitals, and enough has been accomplished to establish the great propriety of such an association, and its capacity for usefulness. Hitherto the irregular supplies of clothing and articles of nourishment furnished from different parts of the State of New-York, have been sufficient to meet the demands upon the Society, but now that disease and the battle-field have stricken down so many of our gallant volunteers, a more regular and abundant provision is required.

The Executive Committee believe it only necessary to state this fact to the patriotic people of New-York, in order to have their store-room well and constantly stocked with such articles as the following, which are at present most needed, viz.: Shirts, drawers, stockings, slippers, linen pantaloons and coats, straw hats, letter paper, envelopes and postage stamps, lemons, oranges, dried fruit, jellies of all kinds, (very desirable,) ale and porter. Such articles, sent by express, (prepaid,) directed to the "New-York Soldiers' Relief Society, Washington, D. C.," will be promptly acknowledged, and prudently distributed, at the various hospitals, through the members of the Society, two of whom are designated to regularly attend at each. Parties preferring to send money are assured that it will be very acceptable, as the demands upon the Society for ready funds are frequent.

A list of all the hospitals, and the New-York soldiers therein, is kept, and corrected weekly, at the rooms of the Society, No. 12 Washington Building, Pennsylvania-avenue, corner of Seventh-street, which are open to the public every evening, Sundays excepted.

Executive Committee—R. C. McCormick, of Queens County, Chairman; S. V. Boyd, of Albany County, Corresponding Secretary; Geo. W. Palmer, of Chautauque County, Recording Secretary; J. W. Armitage, of Rensselaer County; C. Storrs, of Lewis County; Peter Lammond, of St. Lawrence County; James Galway, of New-York County; H. H. Sperry, of Monroe County; John Manley, of Cattaraugus County; the President and Secretary of the Society ex-officio.

The other officers of the Society are: Hon. Ira Harris, President; J. N. Granger, Esq., Vice-President; Ira Goodnow, Esq., Treasurer; John S. Polse, Esq., Secretary.

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Movements of European Steamers.

VIA QUEBEC.			
City of Manchester	Liverpool	New-York	July 29
Bohemian	Liverpool	Quebec	July 24
Arabia	Liverpool	Boston	July 23
City of Baltimore	Liverpool	New-York	July 30
Bavaria	Southampton	New-York	July 30
Jura	Liverpool	Quebec	July 31
Scotia	Liverpool	New-York	Aug. 2
Kangaroo	Liverpool	New-York	Aug. 6
Bremen	Southampton	New-York	Aug. 6
Europa	Liverpool	Boston	Aug. 6
Hammonia	Southampton	New-York	Aug. 12
Persia	Liverpool	New-York	Aug. 13
Great Eastern	Liverpool	New-York	Aug. 16
Hansa	Southampton	New-York	Aug. 20
Asia	Liverpool	Boston	Aug. 23
Teutonia	Southampton	New-York	Aug. 27
New-York	Southampton	New-York	Sept. 3
Bavaria	Southampton	New-York	Sept. 10
Great Eastern	Liverpool	New-York	Oct. 1
Great Eastern	Liverpool	New-York	Nov. 19
VIA PORTLAND.			
Edinburgh	New-York	Liverpool	Aug. 6
Nova Scotian	Quebec	Liverpool	Aug. 9
Niagara	New-York	Liverpool	Aug. 9
Saxonia	New-York	Southampton	Aug. 12
Australasian	New-York	Liverpool	Aug. 13
City of Manchester	New-York	Liverpool	Aug. 16
City of Baltimore	New-York	Liverpool	Aug. 23
Arabia	Boston	Liverpool	Aug. 23
Scotia	New-York	Liverpool	Aug. 27
Great Eastern	New-York	Liverpool	Sept. 6
Great Eastern	New-York	Liverpool	Oct. 4
Great Eastern	New-York	Liverpool	Dec. 31

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The mails for Europe by the steamships *Etna* and *Saxonia* will close at the New-York Post-office on Saturday, at 10½ A. M.

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North Mail closes at ..... 8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
South Mails close at ..... 8 A. M. and 4:30 and 10½ P. M.
Western Mails (via Erie Railroad) 8 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.
Eastern Mails close at 8 A. M. 2 P. M. 4:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M.
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Attorneys for Mortgagee.

Sale of the above described property postponed from Thursday, July 31.

The sale of the above described property is postponed to Monday, Aug. 4, at 12 M.

Sale of the above property postponed to THURSDAY, Aug. 7.

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A crowded and largely-attended meeting of produce merchants was held, at the Produce Exchange, yesterday, at 1 P. M. Mr. R. P. Buck presided, and Mr. J. D. Hanson read the minutes of the last meeting. Without unnecessary ceremonies, the Chairman immediately introduced Gen. Thos. Francis Meagher.

SPEECH OF GEN. MEAGHER.

Mr. President—(Vesuvius—"Get on the desk!" which Gen. Meagher complied, amid much cheering)—Mr. President and Gentlemen, in rising to acknowledge, which I do with sincerity and cordiality, the reception you have given me in this hall, I beg to assure you that, as a return for your kindness, my remarks shall be brief, very brief, I hope, in the language of your President, "to the point." They shall be brief, for, in the first place, I feel that the weather is not altogether favorable to speaking, and the shortest speech, however earnest, I think, the more convincing speech to me the health of those I have to address. Also I feel that, at such a time as this, the hearts of all those who address public meetings should be as concise as possible. There is not, in my mind, a day or an hour to be lost in replenishing not only the ranks of the Potomac, but the Army of Virginia—of Gen. Pope. I say, reinforcements are coming in slowly. 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Brig.-Gen. DANIEL E. SICKLES was next introduced and most flatteringly received. He said: Mr. President and fellow-citizens: There is no portion of this country which looked upon the breaking out of this rebellion with more regret than the population of the City of New-York. None of our people had done there to avert it, by peaceful counsels and the advocacy of compromise and measures of conciliation. None have done more to put down that rebellion. None are more interested in sustaining the means through which that rebellion is to be crushed. The audience that I address now represents one of the most important interests in the Republic, but one which has been least affected injuriously by the war. Now, I believe it is a fact, (Although I am little posted in statistics of this kind, and beg to be corrected if I am mistaken, having had little opportunity to observe the course of trade) yet, I believe it is a fact that the trade in produce, and especially for export trade, has been as great, if not greater, within the past year, than it ever has been in the history of the country. [Cheers on.] If this be so, then an appreciable interest can be appealed to with more propriety and more confidence than that interest in whose presence I now stand, to come forward with all their intelligence, all their patriotism, all their wealth, to sustain the Government in strengthening the rear of that army, upon whose success the prosperity of New-York and all those great interests depend. [Applause.] I, then, am in the right place. I feel that I am—in coming here to ask the produce merchants of New-York as one man to devote themselves, day and night, to perform all this duty, which my gallant friend, MEAGHER, has so fruitfully told you is one of hours—certainly, if not of hours, a duty that cannot be long delayed. You will ask how you can be useful, perhaps. One great duty, I think, is to be performed, and that is to strengthen the confidence of the people in our Government, and in the certain success of our cause. [Applause]. Every man can, in my judgment, place himself relative to the good faith and integrity, and intelligence, and patriotism and nerve of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. [Great applause]. Congress has dispersed, thank God for it. [Laughter and applause]. ABRAHAM LINCOLN is in his place, as the Commander-in-Chief. I did not vote for him, but I will fight under his orders. [Applause.] I will trust him everywhere, and pray for him night and day. [Applause.] I believe he will spurn the councils of the half-and-half Secessionists who advise him to half measures, and I believe he will turn a deaf ear to the female who asks him to divert this war from its true purpose of putting down the rebellion—a thing of which he would be guilty if he consented to carry out the objects of any faction or party. [Applause.] ABRAHAM LINCOLN has six months of non-intervention before him—non-intervention by Congress, [applause and laughter] and non-intervention by Europe. He will have no interventeon from Europe if the North is united. If we cease our political dissensions. If we don't mention the word "nigger" until next December, when Congress will take up the question of slavery, I suppose, subject to—[laughter, and a voice, "Pretty good"]—if we will just sketch that word from our vocabulary, then I believe this rebellion will be crushed before Congress can meet together again. [Applause.] All that the army has to say to the people is, "Give us men, and we will give you victory." [Applause.]

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